

4-H & FFA Animal Exhibitor and Animal Project Regulations

Age of Exhibitor

4-H — A 4-H animal owner/exhibitor 8 to 18 years old on Jan. 1 of the current calendar show year is eligible to exhibit in 4-H-sponsored events. Exhibitors who are 10 as of Jan. 1 may exhibit at the State Fair. 4-H members may be certified for state and interstate shows if they meet age requirements for that event and have properly enrolled animals.

FFA — Only bona fide Nebraska FFA members that have paid dues shall be eligible for FFA Division entries. Members may retain their active membership until the 30th day of November following the fourth National FFA Convention, which occurs after the member graduates from or leaves high school. There will be no discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

Animal Ownership

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

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

Registration Papers

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

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

Species	Number of Animals	County Identification Deadline
Market Beef	10 per member	
Market Lambs	20 per member	
Beef Feeder Calves	20 per member	
Bucket Calves		
Registered Breeding Heifers		
Commercial Breeding Heifers		
Registered Breeding Ewes		
Commercial Breeding Ewes		
Swine	40 per member	
Breeding Swine	40 per member	
Dairy		
Dairy Goat		
Meat (Market) Goats	20 per member	

Identification of Animals

All animals must be individually identified, listed on the appropriate form and on file in the local extension office or with the local FFA chapter and general FFA superintendent.

State Fair Identification of Animals

DNA samples are required for market beef, lambs, swine and meat goats at State Fair.