# Butler County 4-H News

June/July 2024

## Dates to Remember

**June 20-21:** Premier Animal Science Event - Lincoln
**June 27:** Plant Science & Entomology Contests - Columbus
**June 28:** Livestock Showmanship Clinic
**July 2:** Culinary Challenge, Fashion Show, EH Set-Up
**July 4:** Office Closed - Fourth of July
**July 6:** Fairgrounds Clean-Up
**July 9-14:** Butler County Fair
**July 13-17:** State 4-H Horse Show | Grand Island
**August 7:** 4-H Council Meeting
**August 10 at 8 pm:** Nebraska State Fair Livestock Contest and Livestock Entry Deadline

### Online Order Due June 23

The shirt order is a fundraiser for the 4-H Council Scholarship Fund!
There are two t-shirt option, sweatshirts and ball caps!

## 4-H Council T-Shirt Fundraiser

Orders are open online to place your 4-H Council T-Shirt Fundraiser order! The money raised goes towards the 4-H Council Scholarship Fund. You will find a few options this year - ball cap, a 2024 shirt, general Butler County shirt or sweatshirt. When ordering - feel free to select the 'Butler County 4-H' option and we will have them available for you at our office towards the end of June. You can place orders by visiting https://stores.middlecreekprinting.com/butlercounty4h/all-items.

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## Static Project Department:

- Static project entry cards will be available for pick-up at the Extension Office prior to fair entry days. Please pick them up and have them attached to your project! Any cards left will be brought to entry days.
- Interview Judging - Youth will only be allowed to interview judge for **TWO** items in each project area. For example - if a youth has four projects under Home Design and Restoration, they can only interview judge two.
- Interview Judging - All youth planning to interview judge will need to report to their final interview no later than 11:30 am. If you arrive and hope to interview judge at 11:45 am - you will not be able to sign-up for interview judging. This decision was made to help the flow of judging.
- Modeling - There will be no judging of modeling on Wednesday during entry days. This will be judged during the Fashion Show on Tuesday, July 2 at 2 pm.
- Data cards and supplemental information can be found on our website or picked up at our office. Find them online here: **https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/butler/butler-county-fairbook-4-h-entry-forms/**.
- Premium Payout and Release
  - Static project release and premium payout begins at **6:00 pm**.
  - Exhibitors will receive a premium check instead of cash.

## Clover Kid Project Department:

- The new Clover Kid project limit is **12** - the limit was previously 10.
  - Please work to adhere to this limit due to availability of space in the Exhibit Hall.
- Project Drop Off:
  - Clover Kid projects will use the East door of the Butler County Event Center for project entry on Tuesday, July 11 and Wednesday, July 12.

## Livestock Project Department:

- Beef, Goat, Sheep + Swine:
  - Minimum weights are clearly listed in the fairbook for each specie to align with the Nebraska State Fair 4-H Fairbook.
  - If an animal does not meet the minimum weight, they will be put in a production class. In this class, animals are eligible to receive a purple but NOT eligible for champion selection.
- Stall Cards, Markers, etc.
  - These items will be available in the Northeast corner stall of the Beef Barn. This is a more convenient and an easily accessible location.
  - Show orders will be posted here - as well as - in their respective barns.

## Livestock Project Department:

- Herdsmanship
  - A new point opportunity to go into the total herdsmanship score has been added.
  - Participation in the county fair exhibit hall set-up and/or fairgrounds clean-up days. The number of club members who attend will be taken into a percentage compared to the total number of members in the club.
  - The maximum amount of points is 100 per day, per specie - with a total accumulative points at the fair being 2000 points. 100 maximum points from set-up/clean-up will be added to the 2000 cumulative points.
- Premium Payout and Release
  - Livestock animal release begins at **6:00 pm** this year.
  - Exhibitors will still receive cash in the ring.

## Awards Program:

- Static
  - Champions and Reserve Champions will receive a trophy.
  - Champion pictures will be **Saturday, July 13 at 1:00 pm** during the Award Show.
- Livestock
  - Champions and Reserve Champions will receive a banner.
  - Showmanship winners will receive a rosette and buckle - buckle ceremony will be at the Awards Banquet. **Date TBA.**
  - Horse awards will remain the same as 2023. A high-point boy and girl buckle will be awarded.
- Round Robin
  - Champion and Reserve Champion will receive a quarter-zip wind breaker jacket - **ordered after the fair.**

## 4-H Staff at the Fair:

- Office:
  - 4-H Staff has the use of the Event Center Office.
  - We are not there very often - but will post a sign on the door when we are in office!
  - Otherwise - we will be out and about on the fairgrounds.
- Suggestion Box:
  - There will be a box by the ticket window in the Event Center AND in the Northeast corner stall of the Beef Barn.
  - The purpose is to bring suggestions regarding the fair to the Butler County 4-H Council and Butler County 4-H Staff for discussion to bring potential changes.

# Around the Barn

**Butler County 4-H Livestock Program Related Updates and Information**

## Bucket Calf Program

**NEW:** Bucket calf record books MUST be turned into the Extension Office by **Monday, July 8.** This is to make sure the judge can view them prior to the show for the interview portion.

## Butler County Fair Swine Show

**NEW:** All swine shown at the Butler County Fair, both market and breeding, must be born on or after <u>December 1, 2023.</u>

## Butler County Fair Goat Show

**NEW:** Moving forward during the 4-H Goat Show at the Butler County Fair, the wethers and does will show together. An overall market goat will be selected. This decision was not made lightly but is due to the low number of goats in the show. If numbers go up, this decision will be revisited.

## Livestock Achievement Program

We are excited to announce the fourth year of the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program. This additional opportunity for enrolled livestock project youth, is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership. The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry. Members as young as eight will be able to participate. Applications are due June 15, but why wait? Visit **4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement** to get started.

## AKSARBEN Nominations and DNA

**NEW:** If you nominated livestock on Show Stock Manager and pulled DNA for livestock to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair - do you also plan to exhibit those animals at the ASKARBEN Stock Show? If so - AKSARBEN has new livestock online nominations due by **5 pm on July 1.** If you plan to nominate for AKSARBEN - please let us know! We have a special code so you will not have to pay for the DNA processing again when you nominate animals for AKSARBEN. Contact us at 402-367-7410 or aliesha.meusch@unl.edu.

# 2024 Butler County Fair
# 4-H Schedule

**Tuesday, July 2:**
- 10:00 am | Culinary Challenge | Butler County Event Center
- 2:00 pm | 4-H Fashion Show | Butler County Event Center
- 6:00 pm | Exhibit Hall Set-Up

**Saturday, July 6:**
- 9:00 am | Fairgrounds Clean-Up

**Tuesday, July 9:**
- 8:00 am | Open Horse Show followed by 4-H Horse Show
- 7:00 pm-9:00 pm | 4-H/FFA/Open Class Static Entry

**Wednesday, July 10:**
- 8:00 am-12:00 pm | 4-H/FFA/Open Class Static Entry
- 5:00 pm-10:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine Arrive on Grounds
- 7:00-8:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Sheep & Goat Check-In/Weigh-In
- 8:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Poultry Broiler Weigh-In
- 8:00-9:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Beef Check-In/Weigh-In

**Thursday, July 11:**
- 7:00-9:00 am | 4-H/FFA Swine Weigh-In
- 8:00 am | 4-H/FFA Sheep and Goat Show
- 12:00 pm | 4-H Companion Animal Show
- 1:00 pm | 4-H Rabbit Show

**Friday, July 12:**
- 8:00 am | 4-H Broiler and Poultry Show (Broilers First)
- 9:30 am | 4-H/FFA Swine Show

**Saturday, July 13:**
- 8:00 am | 4-H/FFA Beef Show
- 1:00 pm | 4-H/FFA Static Exhibit Award Presentation and Pictures

**Sunday, July 14:**
- 10:00 am | Round Robin Showmanship Contest
- 11:00 am | 4-H/FFA Livestock Subsidy Auction and Awards
- 6:00 pm | Release of Static Exhibits and Livestock

# 2024 Butler County 4-H and FFA Livestock Identification Guidelines

| Livestock Animal | Due Date | County Fair Only | State Fair (DNA Envelope) |
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| **Market Beef** | June 15 | 4-H or EID Tag and ID Sheet | EID Tag, DNA and online nomination |
| **Feeder Calf** | June 15 | 4-H or EID Tag and ID Sheet | EID Tag, DNA and online nomination |
| **Bucket Calf** | June 15 | 4-H Tag and ID Sheet | **None** |
| **Breeding Beef-** *Registered* | June 15 | Tattoo matching Registration Papers and ID Sheet | Tattoo matching Reg. Papers, DNA and online nomination |
| **Breeding Beef-** *Commercial* | June 15 | 4-H/EID Tag or Tattoo and ID Sheet | Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA and online nomination |
| **Market Swine** | June 15 | 4-H or EID Tag and ID Sheet | EID Tag, DNA and online nomination |
| **Breeding Swine -** *Purebred* | June 15 | 4-H or EID Tag, Registration Papers and ID Sheet | EID Tag, Reg. Papers, DNA and online nomination |
| **Breeding Swine -** *Crossbred* | June 15 | 4-H or EID Tag and ID Sheet | EID Tag, Reg. Papers, DNA and online nomination |
| **Market Sheep** | June 15 | Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet | Scrapie Tag, DNA and online nomination |
| **Breeding Sheep** | June 15 | Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet | Scrapie Tag, DNA and online nomination |
| **Market Goat** | June 15 | Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet | Scrapie Tag, DNA and online nomination |
| **Breeding Goat** | June 15 | Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet | Scrapie Tag, DNA and online nomination |
| **Horse** | *May 1:* State Entries Open *June 1:* State Entries Close *June 15:* County Fair | ID Sheet with drawings and/or pictures | ID Sheets with pictures, left & right sides and head. |
| **Rabbit** | August 10 | **None** | Tattoo by entry Aug. 10 |

**All livestock with an EID tag must have a Premise ID on record at the Extension Office.**
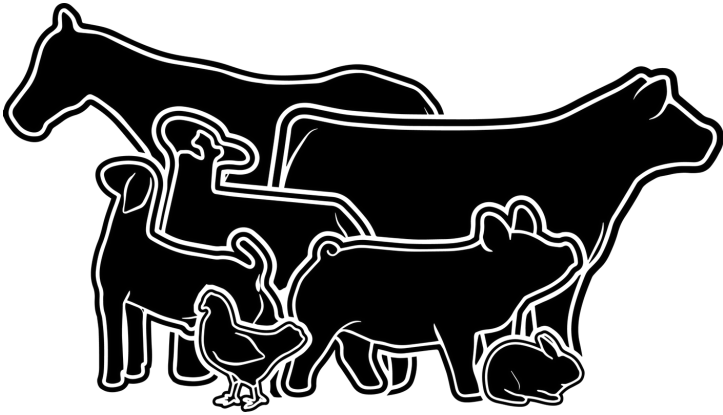
**State Fair:** Animal information must be nominated, paid for and submitted via www.showstockmgr.com by the exhibitor family on or before the due date listed. DNA Envelopes must accompany online nominations and can be picked up at the Extension Office. NE State Fair entries can be made at www.statefair.org. Entry deadline for the Nebraska State Fair is August 10 at 8:00 pm.

# Butler County 4-H
## Showmanship Clinic

## Friday, June 28 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
## Butler County Fairgrounds | David City, NE

Plan to attend one or more sessions of this hands-on, multi-species clinic to learn how to show or gain tips on how to improve the showing of your animal at the county fair and beyond! **Bring your lunch to join us at Noon for a talk all about basic animal nutrition and how it relates to show animals!**

**Open to 4-H members ages 8-18 in Butler and surrounding counties.** 4-H'ers are encouraged to bring their own animals, but it is not required.

**Cost is FREE.** Registration is to prepare for the number attending.

**Please register by June 21.** When registering - please state if you plan to attend multiple sessions and bring your own animal.

To pre-register and for more information contact:
**Aliesha Meusch**
**Butler County 4-H Assistant**
**402-367-7410 or aliesha.meusch@unl.edu**

### Showmanship Clinic Schedule:

 9:00 am - Swine
10:00 am - Poultry
11:00 am - Rabbit
12:00 pm - Show Animal Nutrition
1:00 pm - Sheep
2:00 pm - Goat
3:00 pm - Beef

*Each session will last approximately one hour!*