

## Central IV County Fairs Premium List

### GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H (and the projects) in the county where they exhibit. 4-H members must have complied with the dates and deadlines prescribed by the county extension office.
2. Exhibits must be the result of the 4-H member's work since the last fair.
3. A 4-H member must have reached his or her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, but not have passed his or her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, before January 1 of the current year. Clover Kid 4-H members (ages 5-7 before January 1 of the current year) may only enter exhibits from Department K, the "Clover Kids" section of this book. Clover Kids may enter one exhibit per project in which they are enrolled and are not eligible for contests (except as noted in fair book) or premiums.
4. One entry per class unless otherwise noted.
5. Each exhibitor must exhibit his or her project. Only 4-H members may act as substitute livestock exhibitors, with permission of the superintendent.
6. 4-H exhibits will be awarded ribbons according to merit. Purple - Superior; Blue - Excellent; Red - Good; White - Acceptable. In order to qualify for a special award, exhibitor must receive a purple or blue ribbon. Clover Kids exhibits will receive a special non-competitive ribbon. In non-competitive classes, no premium will be given.
7. Nebraska Extension, the Ag Society and 4-H Council will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits. Exhibits are entered at your own risk.
8. Superintendents' decisions will be considered final.
9. Protests and Appeals: The superintendent at county fairs has the authority to make the appropriate decisions based on the county fair premium book.

A committee shall be appointed by the Extension Educator to serve as a protest group. They will meet daily, if needed, to act upon concerns. All protests must be in writing and signed, and submitted to the appropriate Extension Educator. The Extension Educator will convene the committee for deliberation.

Written protests must include: names of persons involved; description of the concern; situation and documentation; recommendation for correction; specific action or rule in question; additional persons the committee may contact for clarification; procedures and/or steps carried out by the person involved prior to protest submission.

The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected person(s) including the county fair superintendent if appropriate, prior to making the final decision. The committee will recommend appropriate action to the Extension Educator in writing. The final decision will then be communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.

The exhibitor may be allowed to show/participate while the protest process is carried out. Results of showing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.

The show management reserves the right to withhold premium and/or award. The 4-H member/parent/leader may be excluded from 4-H if action warrants.

The appeals process is limited to the 4-H exhibitor, parent or volunteer leader. Protest will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the county fair. Protests related to judges' integrity, decisions, placings or other evaluations will not be accepted.

10. Static fair entries and contest winners must receive a purple ribbon to be eligible to compete at the state fair.

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