

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS INFORMATION

All livestock project animals must be identified by June 1 to be shown at the Colfax County Fair. Late livestock ID's will be lowered one ribbon placing after judging and will be ineligible for awards.

OWNERSHIP - All exhibits must be property of the 4-H exhibitors and the products of the current year's work. All breeding animals must be owned by or in partnership with any member of the immediate family.

- A) Beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, horse, sheep or swine project animals may be owned: solely by the 4-H exhibitor or in partnership by the 4-H exhibitor and/or other members 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, sisters and youth in the care of the head of the household.

When 4-H exhibitor(s) and parent(s) sign an ownership affidavit, indicating the exhibitor(s) will feed and care for the animals, it is expected that the exhibitor(s) will have primary responsibility for the animals.

- B) Horses, Dairy Animals and Dairy Goats: An exhibitor in a 4-H show of a horse, a dairy animal, or dairy goat, may show an animal owned by someone outside of the immediate family provided he or she manages (cares for, feeds, trains, grooms, etc.) and has use of the animal as a 4-H project animal at least 75% of the time during the project year.

QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING: Exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits & poultry must have completed an approved food animal quality assurance training program. Exhibitors must have received quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) prior to the fair. YQCA is an online training.

Completion of quality assurance training gives youth the knowledge and understanding of the importance of caring for their animals. Taking care of animals does not stop at County Fair. Complaints of exhibitors not caring for their animals during County Fair will result in exhibitors being questioned by Extension staff and a veterinarian if deemed necessary.

Pre-register ALL livestock.

A pen shall be considered two hogs, three sheep or three goats.

Only 4-H feeder calves and bucket calves will be released ahead of the official time set for entries to be released. Lactating cows may be released ahead of time providing the exhibitor has another dairy animal at the fair.

DRESS CODE - Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, goats, cats, sheep, swine, small animals, poultry and rabbits are required to wear a Colfax County 4-H T-shirt, plain white shirt (including T-shirt) or blouse with the official 4-H chevron attached, or a national 4-H T-shirt. Club T-shirts are not allowed. Exhibitors in beef, sheep, swine, goat, dairy, dairy goats, goats, small animals, cats, poultry and rabbit must wear closed toe shoes, no sandals are allowed. Dark blue jeans are required for beef, cat, sheep, swine, goat, small animals, poultry and rabbit exhibitors. Dairy and dairy goat exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. No hats, caps or other type of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. Exhibitors shall not display commercial or other identification while showing their animals except official 4-H and such identification the show ring may require. Horse exhibitors must have armbands while exhibiting to enter the arena.

Only 4-H exhibitors may exhibit. **ONLY ONE PERSON MAY SHOW AN ANIMAL** in the show ring.

Exhibitors should contact the Fair Board and the appropriate superintendents to secure early release for sick or injured animals.

GROOMING - Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the 4-H exhibitor, however, assistance may be provided by other 4-H or FFA exhibitors and/or immediate family members

including brothers, sisters and/or parents/legal guardian of the exhibitor. Grooming by those outside of this list is not permitted at the Colfax County Fair and if there is a violation of these rules the exhibitor's animal will receive no higher than a red ribbon. Professional groomers are **NOT** allowed.

All livestock exhibitors are encouraged to participate in showmanship.

SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN. An animal must be shown by the 4-H owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of serious illness, disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg) or conflict with other livestock classes in the 4-H show. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another 4-H member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class.

ETHICS - Nebraska 4-H livestock programs strive to create an atmosphere that encourages good character, accountability and ethical decision making. The International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics outlines a number of specific guidelines for all exhibitors and others involved with 4-H livestock projects and will be followed for the Colfax County Fair. The entire IAFE document can be found and was distributed in the Colfax County 4-H Newsletter.

4-H Exhibitors are expected to display a 4-H sign listing their name, club, and livestock project information to help identify their project for herdsman judging. **No breeder or commercial signs may be displayed with your livestock.**

A SINGLE EXHIBITOR MAY ENTER ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING LIVESTOCK:

BEEF - 3 market beef; 3 breeding beef; 3 feeder calves; 2 cow-calf; 1 bucket calf by 4-H'er between ages 8-12

DAIRY - 3 dairy heifers or cows or 3 in Jr. Herd

DAIRY GOAT - 3 does

MEAT & OTHER GOAT - 3 market; 3 meat breeding, 3 other (Pygmy, Angora, etc.)

SWINE - 4 market; 2 breeding

SHEEP - 6 sheep total may be shown by each exhibitor. The six sheep may be shown in any class, or combination of classes, that the exhibitor chooses provided the animal is properly identified for the class it is shown in (breeding sheep may not be shown as market/feeder lambs and vice versa). Lambs weighing 95 pounds and under will be shown as Feeder Lambs; 96 pounds and over as Market Lambs. (See also page 44 "FEEDER LAMB AND MARKET LAMB DIVISION").

POULTRY, RABBITS, CAT & SMALL ANIMALS - Please see specific departments for limits.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Each member is expected to bring **ONLY** healthy and clean animals to the fair. Any animal found to be affected with an infectious, contagious or otherwise transmissible disease or is suspected of being so infected shall be removed from the fairgrounds immediately or quarantined.

In the event that any animal is found affected with an infectious or transmissible disease, it will remain trailered and inspected by a designated official. Livestock Superintendents have the right to have a vet check an animal. If there's any cost, it will be at the exhibitor's expense.

RINGWORM AND WART POLICY

Any animals that have active ringworm, visible warts, or abscesses will not be allowed entry into the fairgrounds. The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesioned area is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area.

Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises and be exhibited. Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

GOATS

All goats being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA official ID. Under no circumstances may goats be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.

SHEEP

All sheep being exhibited, except wethers, need to be individually identified with USDA official ID. Under no circumstances may sheep be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.

Any sheep exhibiting show lamb fungus will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

4-H SUPERINTENDENT DUTIES

The Department Superintendent should study the general rules and regulations of the 4-H department and be familiar with the qualifications and specifications for each class in his or her department. Superintendents are responsible for the enforcement and carrying out of these rules. Interpretation of rules should be discussed with the Extension Educator.

The Superintendent should be on the grounds on entry day of the fair to enter and arrange exhibits in their classes. Superintendents will maintain a record of entries and awards for each item or animal entered in a class in his or her department. For items exhibited, an entry tag should be attached to the item. For livestock classes, the Superintendent should maintain an official listing or file for entries in each class.