

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER?

Open to boys and girls enrolled in a Cuming County 4-H Club, 8 years of age and under 19 years as of January 1 of the current year. Exhibits must represent the project or projects in which the 4-H member is enrolled as of June 1 and must have been completed as a result of this project since the last County Fair. There will be no discrimination because of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Club members must show their own animal unless excused by the superintendent. Exhibitors of livestock may be required to show certificate of ownership before the member is allowed to show animals. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class they may have another 4-H member show the entry.

CARE OF EXHIBITS

All possible diligence and care will be used to prevent loss or injury to exhibits, but it is stipulated that the management of the fair will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur.

Stalls will be furnished for beef and dairy, pens furnished for sheep and swine, and cages for poultry and rabbits. Exhibitors will need to bring their own feed, feed pans, pails, feeding and milking equipment.

CLOVER KID 4-H MEMBER EXHIBITS

Clover Kid members are 5-7 years of age by January 1 of the current year. They will receive participation ribbons on these exhibits at the fair. Clover Kids will not be able to attend Day Camp or compete in any contests. No livestock projects of any kind (all animals).

HOW MANY ENTRIES?

Only one entry per entry number may be made except in the livestock division, in which a 4-H club member may enter two beef breeding cattle, four market beef (as long as at least one of the four is a county bred/fed animal); three dairy cows and three dairy heifers, four market hogs (as long as at least one of the four is a county bred/fed animal), two feeder calves, two breeding sheep, three market lambs, four dairy goats, four pygmy goats, three horses, three dogs, six rabbits and eight poultry. No animal may be shown in both breeding and market classes. Where there is no competition, the entry will be placed at the discretion of the judge.

When the 4-H and FFA shows are held together, each exhibitor is allowed to exhibit the number of entries listed in their respective divisions.

The modified Danish system will be used in making the placings and except where noted, the top two animals of each class (must be purple ribbon) will return to the arena for selection of champion. From the breed champions the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals and dairy cattle will be selected. Rosettes will be awarded for all divisions with no limit on project numbers.

If the entry does not match the ID affidavit then the entry will be shown in Open Class. If there is no Open Class Show then the entry will be dropped one ribbon placing as it is shown.

Substitutions: Exhibitors may substitute different animals at check-in time as long as a pre-entry was made on time.

WHERE & WHEN ARE ENTRIES DUE?

Livestock entries will be housed in the barns on the fairgrounds in stalls and pens assigned by the respective livestock superintendent committees. Exhibits will be housed in the 4-H Building. **Entries other than livestock will be in place by Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.**

No livestock entry, except horses, feeder calves, and small animal show exhibits will be removed until Sunday at 8:00 p.m. Exhibits in the 4-H Building will not be removed until 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. The premium will be forfeited if removed early.

Each article must have a completed entry card when the article is entered. The entry card should not be torn apart. For exhibits not scheduled for an interview members are encouraged to attach supporting information to their exhibit explaining what they did to create the exhibit and challenges they had.

Late Entries: Livestock exhibitors who miss the June project enrollment deadline are not eligible to exhibit at the County Fair.

All exhibitors who fail to meet the exhibit pre-entry or entry deadline will be dropped one ribbon placing on their exhibit at the fair.

IAFE (International Association of Fairs & Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows should pick up a copy of this at the local county Extension Office. Exhibitors should read and abide by this code.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS for ANIMALS

The health requirements printed in the Nebraska State Fair book will be followed at this fair. No health certificate will be required.

Policy on Ringworm, Warts and Abscesses:

Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into the Fair for exhibition. The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area. Animals with warts that are visible by hands-off inspection 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.

All sheep and goats being exhibited, except wethers, need to be individually identified with USDA official ID.

Under no circumstances may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.

CLUB BOOTHS

Clubs desiring a booth in the 4-H building will be assigned an area if space permits. It is the responsibility of members and leaders to prepare/decorate the area.

Decoration of booths will be completed by 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Ag Engineering booths will be judged by the project judges on Wednesday, at the conclusion of project judging. Home Economics booths will be judged on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Clubs need to tell the Home Economist by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. which division they want their booth judged in.

During the fair, the floor area in front of the booth will be maintained by the club, and considered in judging of booths.

At the close of the fair, the booth will be disassembled and trash and paper taken to the designated area.

Failure to comply with the disassembling rule will forfeit premiums paid to the club members by the fair board.

FOOD EXHIBITS

Members are required to exhibit a representative sample of their entry with the ribbon in the club booth. The rest of the exhibit may be taken home. All food preservation exhibits will be left in the club booth for the duration of the fair.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES

All State Fair entries and awards will be selected at the discretion of the judge, except for livestock entries. All 4-H members over 10 years of age as of January 1 of the current year will be eligible for State Fair static exhibit competition. State Fair quotas will be selected by the judge. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases.

TRANSPORTING STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

It is the exhibitor's option to have a project entered for State Fair competition.

4-H Club members with large projects selected for State Fair competition will share in the responsibility of getting the exhibits to and from Grand Island.

State Fair entries will be taken to Grand Island at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23. Exhibits must be entered with the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on August 22.

All large exhibits must be wrapped for transporting to the State Fair. All wrappings must be such that they can be reused following State Fair competition.

The County Extension Staff, 4-H Council, or 4-H Leaders will not be responsible for any scratches, breakage, or loss of exhibits that might occur.

The above policy applies to agricultural engineering, home environment, and entomology.

WHEN ARE PREMIUMS PAID?

Fair premiums will be available at the fall 4-H Achievement Day program. Premiums will be issued to club leaders only. Please do not request premium money until the designated date.

NIGHT SECURITY

The 4-H Building will be closed to the public and locked at 10:30 p.m. A night watchman will be on duty.

Club members will not be permitted to stay overnight on the fairgrounds, unless approved by the fair management.

DOGS

No dogs allowed in the livestock area.

4-H EXHIBITOR APPAREL

Beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, rabbit, dog, poultry, household pets, and cat showmen are to wear either the Cuming County t-shirt, a white t-shirt or blouse with a 4-H chevron (chevron can be purchased at the 4-H Building or livestock office), solid colored pants (preferably a dark solid color), hard-soled shoes, and no hat. Rabbit, dog, poultry, household pets, and cat showmen will wear soft-soled shoes (no clogs or sandals). White pants are acceptable for dairy and goats. No hats, caps, or other types of headgear are to be worn while showing.

(NOTE: State Fair and AKSARBEN t-shirts are not acceptable dress and will not be allowed by the superintendent in showing livestock. Belts are optional).

Horse exhibitors are to wear a white shirt or blouse (long sleeves are recommended) with a 4-H armband worn on the left arm. Armbands can be purchased at the 4-H Building or livestock office. Western hats may or may not be worn. Dark blue denim jeans must be worn and a belt is recommended.

A special Cuming County t-shirt is available for wear by exhibitors. They may be purchased at the livestock office (Watson Pavilion) or from the Extension Office.

STALL JUDGING of LIVESTOCK

If for some reason an animal is not shown in the pavilion show ring in their regular class during the fair, the judge can make a pen or stall judgment. However, the ribbon awarded will be one ribbon lower than the animal deserved if shown in his regular class. In an event an exhibitor missed their class, the placing will be reduced by one ribbon placing.

LIVESTOCK FANS

All fans must have protective covering.

GROOMING and CLIPPING of LIVESTOCK

1. All clipping and grooming of show animals should be done by the 4-H exhibitor and members of the exhibitor's family, or from help from other Cuming County 4-H exhibitors, or from help by a Cuming County 4-H Club Leader.
2. Pigs must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder, or any other coat dressing compounds considered objectionable by the packer. Water is permitted. Pigs found in violation will be disqualified from the live show and the carcass show. They will also be subject to all price discounts imposed by the packer for such compounds.
3. Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits.
4. Upon violation of above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved may be lowered one ribbon placing or may be disqualified from the show.

SHOWMANSHIP

Judging will be based on preparation of the animal, apparent training, and the appearance and behavior of the participating showman. Cleanliness, grooming, clipping, and block of the animal and club member's alertness will be the major areas judged.

Winners of the Senior Division in previous years will not be allowed to show in this division unless otherwise noted in the lot rules. The winner of the intermediate division will advance to the senior division, unless otherwise noted in the lot rules. Winners of the junior division will advance to the intermediate division, unless otherwise noted in the lot rules.

Exception: Due to low enrollment, exhibitors of goats can compete in the respective division regardless if they have won the division in the past.

Exhibitors must have a project entered and shown in order to participate in the showmanship class.

QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

Exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits must have completed an approved food animal quality assurance training program. Exhibitors must have received Quality Assurance Certification through Nebraska Extension based program prior to the fair. Program attendance or completion of a test in the county extension office or online system is required. Completion of training will be certified by county extension staff.

REGISTRATION of LIVESTOCK

A breeding animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association.

The registration certificate must show:

1. The name of the exhibitor
2. The name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family or
3. The family or ranch name or parent's name.

REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household.

JUDGING CONTESTS

4-H'ers who have been on a judging team that was SELECTED to represent Nebraska in a regional or national 4-H contest are ineligible for further State Fair competition in that project area.

To represent Nebraska at a regional or national contest, all members of the team including the alternate (if the team has an alternate) must have reached their 14th birthday and not passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year and must meet requirements of the regional or national contest in which they participate.

HERDSMANSHIP

Herdsmanship is not a contest but rather a rating program.

All clubs exhibiting livestock will automatically be entered in the herdsmanship rating program. There will be seven divisions; beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, horse, goats, and dairy. Judges will make unannounced checks on the barns two or more times daily. Herdsmanship will begin at 3:00 p.m. Thursday for all species. **All judging ends at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.** Manure wagons will be loaded by 4-H'ers when cleaning barns.

Results and score sheets will be made available as judging occurs.

Stalls will be cleaned between 5:00 and 9:00 a.m. At least one exhibitor should be present at each club exhibit between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.

Wagons will be furnished to haul away used bedding. Bedding should be taken to the north side of all buildings housing livestock and horses.

Score Sheet Items:

1. Animals clean with grooming appearance. Stall cards completed with owner's name, address, club, breed of animal, breeders name and weight of animal. Are ribbon stickers in place after showing?
2. Animals adequately cared for – bedding clean and adequate amount. Stalls cleaned by 8:00 a.m.
3. Trappings and feed area clean and neat. Fork handles and similar equipment kept orderly.
4. Proper courtesy and conduct. Alleys kept free of bedding and equipment.
5. Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times and at all places, including fairgrounds and livestock barns.