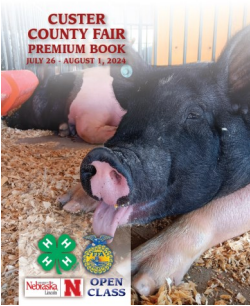




JULY 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY	
1	Registrations due online for Custer County 4-H 3D Archery Match by 5:00 p.m.
4	Office closed for Independence Day
7	Custer County 4-H 3D Archery Match, Litchfield
13-17	State 4-H Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island
15	2025 CWF Payment Due
15	4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.
15	Deadline for Fashion Show narratives to be submitted online by 5:00 p.m.
16	CWF Concession Stand Work Night & Information Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
18	Clothing Construction and Fashion Show Judging, Evangelical Free Church, Broken Bow
18	4-H Public Fashion Show, Evangelical Free Church, Broken Bow, 7:00 p.m.
20	4-H Dog Show, Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m.
24	4-H Entry Day for all exhibits except food, clothing, horticulture, and livestock, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
26-Aug. 1	2024 Custer County Fair
26-27	4-H Firearms Shooting Matches, Fairgrounds
27	Foods & Garden/Horticulture Judging, Fairgrounds
AUGUST	
1	4-H & FFA Livestock Auction, Fairgrounds
10	State Fair 4-H Entries Due Online by 8:00 p.m.
19	4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m., (if needed)
23-Sept. 2	Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island
SEPTEMBER	
2	Office closed for holiday
8	2025 CWF Curriculum Meeting, 2:00 p.m., 4-H Building
13	2025 CWF Payment Due
15	Record books and award applications due to Organizational Leaders
16	4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.
26-29	Aksarben 4-H Stock Show, State Fairgrounds, Grand Island
28	2024 Nebraska Youth Smallbore Silhouette Invitational, Pressey Wildlife Management Area, Oconto
30	Entries due for 4-H Window Display Contest



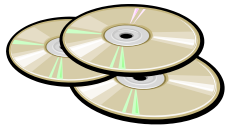
**Custer County Fair
July 26 - August 1**
REMEMBER TO READ YOUR CUSTER COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK FOR RULES, GUIDELINES, AND ENTRY DATES FOR 4-H EXHIBITS.

COUNTY FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Helping hands Many volunteers are needed to make the county fair run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer to help in a particular area of interest, contact the Extension Office. Some of the jobs available include cleaning the 4-H Exhibit Hall, comment writers for judges, arranging displays, registering 4-H'ers for interview judging, youth volunteers to hand out ribbons at the various livestock shows, etc.

CD/DVD COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES

Many exhibits for the county fair are to be submitted in a CD/DVD format. If you are entering a class where a CD/DVD is required, remember that you must provide the equipment to present the entry to the judge. The Extension Office will not be providing computer equipment for these exhibits. (Does not include Shopping In Style)



DO YOU HAVE EXTRA CURRENT EAR TAGS?

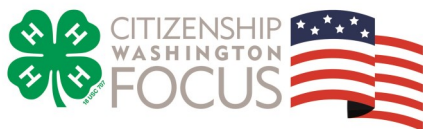
If you have extra **current** 4-H livestock ear tags that you did not use, please return them to the Extension Office **before** county fair. You will be refunded, as long as the tags are in good condition.



BEEF SHOW EQUIPMENT FOR CHECK-OUT

The family of Tommy Fred has donated some beef show equipment to the Extension Office. 4-H'ers may check-out the equipment to use. For a complete list of equipment available, contact the Extension Office.





2025 CWF DELEGATES

JULY 15 - CWF PAYMENT DUE ...That means that all payments will be due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, July 15** in order to avoid a \$50 late fee being charged. Payments received in person or by mail after Monday, July 15 are subject to the \$50 late fee. Any payments sent from a bank must also be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, in order to avoid the late fee.

TUESDAY, JULY 16...

CWF CONCESSION STAND WORK NIGHT AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING...

A CWF Concession Stand Work Night and Informational Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 16. The purpose of the meeting is to clean the concession stands in preparation of county fair, to discuss county fair concession stand procedures, and get acquainted. All delegates and at least one parent are encouraged to attend. Everyone should plan to meet at the 4-H Building at 6:00 p.m. to receive their cleaning assignments. A light supper will be served at approximately 7:30 p.m., with an informational meeting to follow.

CLOTHING

- **FASHION SHOW NARRATIVES** - All 4-H'ers entering the fashion show must have all typed or clearly printed fashion show narratives in to the Extension Office by Monday, July 15, 5:00 p.m. Narratives should take approximately 30 seconds to read out loud.

4-H'ers may submit their narratives online. The link to submit narratives is:

<https://go.unl.edu/fashionshownarrative>

Narratives may be submitted online at the link OR submitted in paper form to the Extension Office. The deadline for narratives is Monday, July 15, 5:00 p.m. **Please do not email narratives to Extension Staff.** 4-H'ers who do not turn in a narrative cannot model in front of the fashion show judge and cannot participate in the public fashion show. All 4-H'ers who model in front of the fashion show judge **MUST** model at the public fashion show. This includes all sewing, knitting, crocheting, and consumer management projects.

- Clothing judging and the public fashion show will be held on Thursday, July 18.

WHAT DOES THE COLOR OF MY RIBBON MEAN?

As 4-H events, contests, and county fair begin to take place, we thought it would be appropriate for the 4-H'ers, parents, and leaders to understand what the color of their ribbon(s) means.



Purple.....Outstanding/Superior and exceeds all standards.

Blue.....Excellent/Above average, with almost all of the standards met in a way that surpasses the norm.

Red.....Average, with the majority of standards met, but not exceeded.

White.....Below average, with few standards met. Needs improvement.

Participation.....Recognition of 4-H exhibit's presence at the fair.

4-H FOODS EXHIBITORS

If you will have food projects judged Saturday, July 27, AND you have other responsibilities such as horticulture projects to be judged or shooting sports, PLEASE do not request preferential treatment to see the foods judge(s). Everyone must sign in and wait to see the judge(s). If you have other responsibilities, and you cannot wait in line, sign your foods projects in, take care of those other responsibilities, and if your name comes to the top of the list while you are gone, your name will be set aside, but not moved to the bottom of the list. Remember that if you choose not to interview judge, you will be dropped a ribbon placing.



**Required...4-H
Livestock
Show Ethics
Affidavit**

Because of some recent requirements put in place by meat packers, 4-H exhibitors who sell 4-H market beef, market swine, meat goats and/or market sheep at the county fair are required to sign a Drug Ethics Affidavit. This affidavit contains the following statement..."To the best of our knowledge, while under our ownership, possession or direct control, none of the livestock are adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, i.e. none of the cattle or other ruminants have been fed any feed containing ruminant derived meat and bone meal." These forms also state that non-approved drugs were not used and the animal is not under any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any legal drugs or vaccine. This form is attached with this Bow Knot newsletter and will also be available at the fairgrounds in the Livestock Office.

ALL AFFIDAVITS FOR MARKET BEEF, MARKET SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, AND MARKET SWINE MUST BE TURNED IN AT WEIGH-IN ON SUNDAY, JULY 28. EACH 4-H MEMBER IS ASKED TO COMPLETE ONE AFFIDAVIT FOR EACH MARKET SPECIES ENTERED. AFFIDAVITS ARE NOT TO BE TURNED IN BEFORE JULY 28!

[2024 Market Beef/Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat Ethics Affidavit](#)

[2024 Market Beef Beta-agonist Affidavit](#) - Must be completed for Market Beef in addition to the Ethics Affidavit.



4-H members are responsible for cleaning their livestock stalls before leaving the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 1...beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, horse, poultry, and rabbits.

RELEASE OF COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS

ALL exhibits will be released on Thursday, August 1, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. **EARLY RELEASE MUST BE FOR EMERGENCY REASONS ONLY AND APPROVED BY EXTENSION STAFF IN CHARGE AND SUPERINTENDENT(S).**

****OPTIONAL EARLY RELEASE OF 4-H HORSES AT 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 31. Stalls need to be cleaned and chips/manure put in manure bins, NOT left in the alley or premium money will be forfeited. When leaving the fairgrounds, please exit on the road south of the Grandstands, along the railroad tracks.**

If you have exhibits that are chosen to go to the **State Fair**, please pick them up from the county fair. Extension Staff are not responsible for taking State Fair exhibits to the Extension Office from the county fair. Exhibits selected for State Fair will have a tag attached to let families know when to bring them to the Extension Office.


HERDSMANSHIP SCORE SHEET

 Are you interested in knowing what the county fair herdsmanship scores are based on? Criteria for the herdsmanship scoring can be found on page 89 of the Custer County Fair Premium Book. Top clubs will have their club name engraved on plaques which are displayed in the 4-H Building.

MANURE CARTS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

We have been asked by the Ag Society to stress the importance of **NOT** putting garbage in the manure carts around the livestock barns at the county fair. The manure carts are for animal waste and bedding, only. Trash barrels are to be used for garbage and NOT animal waste/bedding.

4-H HORSE LEVEL TESTING

 To encourage safe handling of horses, all 4-H members enrolled in the horse project that will be riding will have passed at least Level I (Horse Project Advancement Levels) before July 15 to be eligible to show in the 2024 Custer County Fair. If a 4-H member is only going to show in showmanship or halter at County Fair, then they must pass everything in Level I except the "II. Riding" portion of the skills test by the above date. Contact Troy or your 4-H horse project leader for more details.

SHEEP & SWINE



Sunday, July 28, meat goats and market sheep will be weighed at the county fair 2:30-3:30 p.m. Hogs will be weighed 4:00-6:00 p.m. Immediately following weigh-in, the pens, catch pens, and alleys must be constructed. When the sheep show is over, the pens are taken down to make room for the Beef Show on Tuesday. These are big jobs. 4-H and FFA swine families are asked to help construct the pens and alley immediately following weigh-in on Sunday. 4-H and FFA sheep families are asked to take the pens in the show ring down immediately following the Sheep Show. People who have done this in the past will be there to guide the process, but they can use your help. Many hands make light work.



It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to get hogs to the show ring Monday morning and to the sale ring Thursday evening.

Swine **health papers** will not be required. However, any animal may be removed from the fair if it is suspected of being ill or having a transmissible disease. No hogs can be unloaded until 8:00 a.m., Sunday, July 28. Weigh-in will be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

CLUB LAMB FUNGUS

Club lamb fungus disease is a health problem encountered mostly in sheep being exhibited at fairs and other shows. This disease appears to be contagious to humans and other animals. Club lamb fungus disease has several names including woolrot, lumpy wool, ovine ringworm, and ovine dermatophytosis. It is caused by a fungus that is a member of the genus *Trichophyton*. This disease appears to be the most contagious form of fungal disease in sheep.



Club or show lambs are more likely to contract the disease because frequent shampooing and washing for show removes lanolin from wool and skin. Frequent shearing also contributes to the disease as wool and lanolin are removed. Nicks and cuts caused by shearing allow the skin to become infected. Animals without a protective lanolin layer and with some form of skin damage are much more likely to become infected if the fungus is present.

More information regarding club lamb fungus can be found at:

<https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1205&context=extensionhist>

<https://u.osu.edu/sheep/2021/04/20/club-lamb-fungus-ringworm/>

If you suspect sheep (market and/or breeding) that are entered for county fair to be infected with club lamb fungus, please contact your veterinarian. If any sheep (market and/or breeding) have an active case of club lamb fungus, they will not be allowed to be shown at the county fair. Sheep showing symptoms of club lamb fungus must have a veterinarian's written statement verifying the club lamb fungus is inactive and not contagious to be able to be shown at the county fair. The veterinarian's written statement must be presented to Extension Staff or the Superintendent at weigh-in on Sunday.



Custer County Fair will allow contestants showing other species (Swine, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, and Beef) to have the option to stall or not to stall their horses at County Fair without the penalty of losing premium monies. They will have stalls assigned to them and they need to be labeled accordingly. They will need to contact the Horse Superintendent to set up a time to check their horses in before showing.

ALL REMAINING 4-H HORSES WILL BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 AT 8:00 A.M.

2025 Custer County Premium Book Cover Photo Contest



Custer County 4-H members (4-H age 8-18) are invited to enter the 2025 Custer County Premium Book Cover Photo Contest. The 2025 Custer County Fair Premium Book will be in a magazine format with a full color, gloss cover. The winning photo will be selected by the Custer County 4-H Council and placed on the cover of the 2025 Custer County Fair Premium Book.

Contest Guidelines:

- Photos must have been taken during the 2024 Custer County Fair.
- **Photo(s) must have been taken by the 4-H member submitting the photo.**
- Photos must be a high resolution photo taken with a high quality camera/phone. **Photos taken with cameras are preferred...due to photo quality.** Photos should be in a high resolution format (300+ dpi or 2880 x 3600px minimum).
- **Photos must be in a vertical format.**
- Entries must be submitted as a .jpeg file. Entries may be emailed to: **colleen.peterson@unl.edu**.
- With each photo, include:
 1. Name and age of the person who took the photo.
 2. What the photo is about.
 3. Identification of any individuals in the photo.
- **Submit photo entries to the Extension Office on or before March 1, 2025**

For more information, contact Colleen Peterson, 4-H Aide at the Nebraska Extension-Custer County Office, (308) 872-6831.

USE OF ATV'S, UTV'S, GOLF CARTS & OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLES ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

"The private/personal use of ATV'S, UTV'S, GOLF CARTS & OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLES on the fairgrounds is prohibited during the fair. Exceptions may be granted by the fairgrounds manager for handicapped persons, law enforcement and emergency services personnel. Authorized users **must** provide a valid proof of insurance certificate and meet all other NE Department of Motor Vehicles requirements."



4-H EXHIBITOR NUMBERS

Many 4-H'ers will be exhibiting in more than one 4-H livestock animal show or shooting match at the Custer County Fair where an exhibitor number is required. When you have received your exhibitor number, please keep it for use at your next competition/activity. Exhibitors **may not** be issued an exhibitor number for each competition/activity. Exhibitor numbers may be picked up at the Extension Office beginning July 24, if you wish to have them laminated.

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Note:

Exhibitor numbers may not be the same numbers as in past years. The computer assigns the exhibitor numbers as they are merged into the county fair program.



4-H & FFA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY INFORMATION

4-H and FFA exhibitors and their families are responsible for submitting all livestock entries online. This includes all in-person entries. The link for online entries will be:

<https://www.statefair.org/ag-competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors/>



The following entries must be made online by families:

- 4-H and FFA Livestock entries
- Contest entries (Fashion Show)

Registration opens the first week of July. **All livestock entries must be submitted no later than 8:00 p.m. Central Time on August 10, 2024.** A credit or debit card is required to submit entries.

All static exhibits (those exhibits selected to represent Custer County at the Nebraska State Fair) will be entered by the Extension Office.

All State Fair livestock entries (beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits, and dairy as well as Premier Exhibitor and Dog Skeleton Contests) and all non-livestock contest entries (Contests and Presentations), will be made by the exhibitors and their families via the 4H and FFA Online Livestock Entry link found at this web site by 8:00 p.m. central time August 10, 2024.

BUILDING SITTERS

The Building Sitter schedule for 4-H Clubs is included below with this Bow Knot issue. Each time slot has only one club listed. The club that is listed is responsible for watching the Hall of Champions (4-H Building) and the 4-H Exhibit Hall during that time. Both buildings will need at least one building sitter at all times. If the assigned time does not work for your club, please trade with another club. The Extension Office will not find a substitute. The building sitter can be a 4-H member, parent, grandparent, neighbor...anyone. The purpose of the building sitters is to make sure the exhibits are not tampered with, and to welcome our guests to the exhibits. Please be sure to show up at your assigned times to help ensure the security of the 4-H exhibits.

2024 Building Sitters

Time	Sunday, July 28	Monday, July 29	Tuesday, July 30	Wednesday, July 31
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		South Loup	Oconto 4-H	Twin Valley
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Great Connections	Ansley Jr. Livestock	Four Corners	Middle Loup
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Dog Gone Fun	Sandhill Critters	Thumbs-Up	South Loup
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Creative Kids	Four Valleys	Young Riders	Burr Oak

AKSARBEN...ONLINE ENTRIES FOR 2024



AKSARBEN will be utilizing an all online entry process for 2024. The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor. Official online entry will open on August 1, 2024. All entries must be made electronically through the Aksarben Stock Show website by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on September 6. The Aksarben premium book can be found at:

<https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/p/livestock-show>

2024 Aksarben 4-H Stock Show - September 26-29.

All events will be held at the State Fairgrounds at Fonner Park in Grand Island.

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