

DEPARTMENT POULTRY
Judge: Shannon Ahlman
Superintendent: Shannon Rehbein
Assistant Superintendent: Dasie Nichols

Ribbons	P.	B.	R.	W.
	\$1.25	\$1.00	\$.75	\$.50

POULTRY SHOW RULES

- A. 4-H entries must be made according to the printed 2024 Custer County Fair Premium Book and entered online by 5:00 p.m. on June 28. Instructions for online entries will be emailed to 4-H families on approximately May 15.
- B. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS-Health certificate not required for poultry. No additional testing requirements for Nebraska origin poultry.
- C. Poultry check-in will be at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 28. All poultry exhibits must be in place by 9:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28. Bring your own padlocks for cages.
- D. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR-A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 8 entries plus showmanship.
- E. SHOW SCHEDULE - **The 4-H Poultry Show will begin following the FFA Rabbit Show on Tuesday, July 30**, beginning with senior and junior showmanship, followed by regular classes. Exhibitors must bring their own carpet squares for showing their animals. Exhibitors must be present for interview judging. If 4-H'er is not present, animals will not be judged. The FFA rabbit show will be held immediately following the 4-H poultry show.
- F. BREEDS-To be eligible for breed exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock, or hen chicken entries must be fair representatives of one of the breeds listed in the American Standard of Perfection.
- G. MINIMUM WEIGHTS-The minimum weights for exhibition birds will be as stated in The American Standard of Perfection and the Bantam Standard. The minimum weights for production birds will be 3 lbs for females and 4 lbs for males of light breeds and 4 lbs for females and 5 lbs for males of heavy breeds.
- H. PENS-A pen of broilers shall consist of three male or three female birds 6-9 weeks of age. A pen of egg production shall consist of three sexually mature females. Pens of broilers or egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards.
- I. RULES FOR BANTAM & OTHER POULTRY-The rules for standard size chickens apply equally to bantams, waterfowl, and turkey where applicable.
- J. ENTRIES MUST BE 4-H PROJECT BIRDS-All poultry exhibited must be grown in a 4-H member's project.
- K. SHOWMANSHIP: Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird. Showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the bird before the judge. The excellence of the bird is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.
- L. Exhibitors should not talk to parents while their exhibits are being judged.
- M. No individual animal may be shown in both 4-H and FFA.
- N. Exhibitors are required to wear Custer County 4-H T-shirts or white shirts with 4-H chevrons, and blue jeans when showing their animals.
- O. RELEASE TIME-Thursday, August 1, 8:00 a.m.

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Information on the basis of judging poultry showmanship is found in Nebraska Cooperative Extension 4-H 191. Basis for judging-showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird. Showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the bird before the judge. The excellence of the bird is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.

CLASS G170001 Senior Showmanship (12 and over by January 1)

CLASS G170002 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years of age by January 1)

STANDARD SIZE

CLASS G171001	Cockerel (under 6 months)
CLASS G171002	Pullet (under 6 months)
CLASS G171003	Cock (over 6 months)
CLASS G171004	Hen (over 6 months)

BANTAMS

CLASS G172001	Cockerel (under 6 months)
CLASS G172002	Pullet (under 6 months)
CLASS G172003	Cock (over 6 months)
CLASS G172004	Hen (over 6 months)

DUCK CLASSES

CLASS G173001	Young Drake (spring hatch)
CLASS G173002	Young Duck (spring hatch)
CLASS G173003	Old Drake (over 1 year old)
CLASS G173004	Old Duck (over 1 year old)

GOOSE CLASSES

CLASS G174001 Young Gander (spring hatch)
CLASS G174002 Young Goose (spring hatch)
CLASS G174003 Old Gander (over 1 year old)
CLASS G174004 Old Goose (over 1 year old)

TURKEY CLASSES

CLASS G175001 Young Tom (spring hatch)
CLASS G175002 Young Hen (spring hatch)
CLASS G175003 Old Tom (over 1 year old)
CLASS G175004 Old Hen (over 1 year old)

PRODUCTION CLASSES

CLASS G176001 Pen of Broilers
CLASS G176002 Pen of Egg Production

OTHER FOWL

CLASS G176010 Other Fowl

DEPARTMENT PIGEON

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PIGEON SHOW RULES

4-H entries must be made according to the printed 2024 Custer County Fair Premium Book and entered online by 5:00 p.m. on June 28. Instructions for online entries will be emailed to 4-H families on approximately May 15. Enter pigeons Sunday, July 28 beginning at 7:00 p.m. All entries must be entered by 9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 28. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H pigeon project. Each exhibitor is limited to a maximum of six (6) birds; no more than 2 in each class. Birds will be shown by variety. No individual animal may be shown in both 4-H and FFA. Exhibitors must furnish their own cages, feeders, and waterers. Exhibitors are required to wear Custer County 4-H T-shirts or white shirts with 4-H chevrons, and blue jeans when showing their animals. **Judging of 4-H pigeons will be following the FFA poultry show, Tuesday, July 30.** Exhibitors must bring their own carpet squares for showing their animals.

RELEASE TIME-Thursday, August 1, 8:00 a.m.

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SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS G177001 Senior Showmanship (12 & over by January 1)
CLASS G177002 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years of age by January 1)

COCKS & HENS

CLASS G178001 Young Cock, 2024 Hatch
CLASS G178002 Young Hen, 2024 Hatch
CLASS G178003 Old Cock
CLASS G178004 Old Hen

DEPARTMENT RABBIT

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RABBIT SHOW RULES

- A. 4-H entries must be made according to the printed 2024 Custer County Fair Premium Book and entered online by 5:00 p.m. on June 28. Instructions for online entries will be emailed to 4-H families on approximately May 15.
- B. Check-in will be at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 28. All exhibits must be in place by 9:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28. Bring your own padlocks for cages.
- C. IDENTIFICATION-All rabbits must have a tattoo as indicated on their rabbit identification form, 4HF103. Also, please add the breed of the rabbit to id sheets.
- D. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR-A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 5 entries.

- E. SHOW SCHEDULE - **The 4-H Rabbit Show will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30** beginning with senior and junior showmanship, followed by regular classes. Exhibitors must be present for interview judging. If 4-H'er is not present, animals will not be judged. The FFA rabbit show will be held immediately following the 4-H rabbit show.
- F. Each exhibitor must bring their own feed, water bowls, broom, dust pan, bucket to carry water, a small padlock for cages, and a carpet square for showing their animals.
- G. Purebreds may be judged separately from other hybrids. Crossbreds must show in the pet or market class if the proper age.
- H. No individual animal may be shown in both 4-H and FFA.
- I. Exhibitors are required to wear Custer County 4-H T-shirts or white shirts with 4-H chevrons, and blue jeans when showing their animals.
- J. Exhibitors should not talk to parents while their exhibits are being judged.
- K. Age will be the age of the rabbit on the show date.
- L. RELEASE TIME-Thursday, August 1, 8:00 a.m.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Rabbit showmanship videos can be viewed online at:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVgaAiYktyY>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rE8Q_oPyD1A
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02IY4ndAYkU>
- Other resources can be found in publications 4-H 339, Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits; Rabbit 1: What's Hopping?; Rabbit 2: Making Tracks; and Rabbit 3: All Ears.

The participant may use any rabbit they choose, so long as it was owned by the 4-H'er by June 15 of this year and trained by the 4-H'er. Judging of showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the rabbit. Showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge, the excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. The rabbit used in showmanship must be one of the five rabbits that exhibitor entered.

CLASS G180001 Senior Showmanship (12 years & over by January 1). Maximum length of showmanship presentations is four minutes. Exhibitors will be timed.

CLASS G180002 Junior Showmanship (8-11 years old by January 1)

MARKET RABBITS

- CLASS G181001 Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs/under 69 days of age
- CLASS G181002 Pen of 3 Meat Rabbits, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs/under 69 days of age
- CLASS G181003 Roaster, over 5 ½ lbs.
- CLASS G181004 Roaster, 5 lbs. & under

FANCY BREEDING RABBITS

- CLASS G184001 Doe and Litter (Litter must be 7 weeks old or younger and doe must still be lactating.)
- CLASS G184002 Junior Buck (6 months & younger)
- CLASS G184004 Senior Buck (over 6 months)
- CLASS G184005 Junior Doe (6 months & younger)
- CLASS G184007 Senior Doe (over 6 months)

FANCY BREEDS:

American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Jersey Woolie, Lilac, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta, and Lionhead

COMMERCIAL BREEDING RABBITS

- CLASS G184008 Doe and Litter (Litter must be 7 weeks old or younger and doe must still be lactating.)
- CLASS G184009 Junior Buck (under 6 months)
- CLASS G184010 Intermediate Buck (6-8 months)
- CLASS G184011 Senior Buck (over 8 months)
- CLASS G184012 Junior Doe (under 6 months)
- CLASS G184013 Intermediate Doe (6-8 months)
- CLASS G184014 Senior Doe (over 8 months)

COMMERCIAL BREEDS:

American, American Chinchilla, Beveren, Blanc d Hotot, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, and Silver Fox

PET DIVISION: This class is for crossbred rabbits or rabbits that do not meet breed characteristics (color, markings, etc.).

- CLASS G185001 Pet Rabbit