

deadlines and be tagged with 4-H/FFA EID tags. The exception is all sheep & goats, market or breeding, need to be individually identified with USDA official ID (Scrapies Tag) for State Fair. Swine ear notches will not be an acceptable form of ID at the Nebraska State Fair. State Fair also requires health certificates. Beef going to the State Fair require a negative BVD-PI test.

Breeding animals for State Fair need to be online nominated and a \$2 fee submitted per nomination. All 4-H Market Beef & Feeder Calves must be EID tagged for State Fair by June 15. **Registered Breeding beef must be tattooed by June 15 for State Fair.** A calfhood vaccination tattoo is not considered an official identification tattoo. Commercial breeding beef may be tattooed or have a recorded EID tag.

For State Fair Dog Show Obedience & Showmanship classes. Dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis parvo and rabies. A Nebraska State Fair Dog Show Vaccination Record Form must be filled out, signed by a veterinarian, and returned as part of the advanced entry. All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the State Fair Dog Show.

Poultry/Rabbits - no early animal nomination required for state fair. Both species will be identified by the August 10th entry date.

State Fair 4-H livestock entries are due via online entry no later than August 10.

Exhibitors in beef, dairy, goats, rabbits, poultry, sheep and swine must have completed an Extension approved food animal quality assurance training program.

For State Fair the 4-H member hauls their own livestock and show equipment or makes arrangements for other 4-H families to haul their livestock and equipment. 4-H calves going to shows outside the brand inspection area should be brand inspected or should obtain an annual show permit.

At the State Fair the Educators will be available for advice, but due to the large number of county exhibits and other duties, it is the 4-H member's responsibility to be at the grounds on time, clean out stall, feed at proper time, and see that it is properly shown and sold.

LIVESTOCK SECTION 4-H

NUMBER OF ENTRIES - Exhibitors are limited to one exhibit per exhibit number unless otherwise specified. Animal limits at County Fair are as follows:

Market Beef - 3	Dairy Goats - 4
Breeding Beef - 3	Dairy Cattle - 3
Feeder Beef - 3	Horse - No class limit, must select at entry time, no more than 5 classes & showmanship for premiums
Bucket Calf - 1	Rabbit - 4
Cow/Calf - 2 pairs	Poultry - 8 entries
Market Swine - 4	Dog - 1 agility class entry + 2 other classes (only 1 entry in showmanship)
Breeding Swine - 4	Llamas - 1
Market Lambs - 4	
Breeding Sheep - 4	
Fiber Goats - 4	
Meat Goats - 4	
Meat Goat Breeding Does - 4	

QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

Exhibitors in beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry must have completed an Extension approved food animal Quality Assurance Training program and have a current certification to compete at the County Fair, and Nebraska State Fair. 4-H'ers need to pass at least 3 online modules per year. In-person YQCA trainings will be held this year. Contact the Extension Office to get on the list. QA certification should be completed by June 1.

CHAMPIONS & PREMIUMS

The Dawson County 4-H Council approved a plan to select champions and award additional premiums to 4H'ers participating in the beef, sheep, swine and meat goat areas. All the money will be raised by the booster committee and paid out by the Lexington Foundation. A completed Nebraska 4-H Annual Achievement Application (4 pages maximum) must be turned in to the Extension Office by October 4 before 5:00 p.m. in order to receive the premiums.

The following will have a champion and reserve selected. Animals must have at least received a blue to be eligible for division rosettes and champion and reserve trophies. Rosettes and trophies are sponsored by the Dawson County 4-H Livestock Premium Fund. (Livestock Boosters)

Market Beef	Market Sheep
Steer Division	Breeding Sheep
Bred & Fed Steer Division	Market Swine
Heifer Division	Barrow Division
Market Beef Rate of Gain	Gilt Division
Breeding Heifers	Breeding Swine
British Division	Meat Goat
Continental/Composite Division	Meat Goat Breeding Does
Crossbred/Commercial Division	Rabbit
Feeder Calf	Poultry
Steer Division	Dairy/Dairy Goat
Heifer Division	
Breeding Heifer Division	
Beef, Sheep & Swine Carcass Contests	

The actual amount paid to 4-H'ers will depend on the amount of money raised by the livestock booster group.

MAXIMUM PREMIUM LEVELS

	PURPLE	BLUE	RED	WHITE
Market Beef	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40
Breeding Heifers	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
Cow/Calf	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
Bucket Calf	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Feeder Calf	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Goats	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Goat Does	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Dairy Goats	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Sheep	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Breeding Ewes	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Swine	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Breeding Swine	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Showmanship	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3
Beef Carcass	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40
Lamb Carcass	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3
Swine Carcass	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

The purpose of these enhancements is to encourage projects related to large animal agriculture and to more fully reward participants for time and expense commitments. Livestock project members will be encouraged to participate in the many educational and life skill opportunities the 4-H program offers, such as 4-H livestock and meats judging, 4-H public speaking, 4-H presentations, animal science quiz bowl, Life Challenge, etc., in addition to livestock showing.

SHOWMANSHIP

Purple \$3.00, Blue \$3.00, Red \$2.00, White \$1.00

Information relative to the basis of judging dairy showmanship is found in "Uniform Score Card for Judging, Junior Dairy Fitting and Showmanship Contests" published by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. Information on livestock showmanship contests is found in 4-H 357, "Guide for Evaluating Livestock Showmanship Contests" available from the County Extension Office.

Dark blue jeans are preferred except in horse where they are mandatory. Extremes in colors and fit are not appropriate. Belts should be worn with trousers with carriers or loops. Exhibitor wears a long or short-sleeved (no sleeveless) white shirt, or Dawson County 4-H T-shirt. No T-shirts in horse.

Showmanship animals must be same as one shown in the market or breeding class by the same 4-H'ers. An animal can only be shown in one showmanship class. 4-H'ers are not allowed to wear hats in the show ring when showing market and breeding livestock. Either canes or whips may be used in Swine Showmanship. Sign up for showmanship with the superintendent when entering your 4-H livestock.

Senior Div. – 14 years or older January 1 of current year.

Intermediate Div. – 12 & 13 years old as of January 1 of current year.

Junior Div. – Under 12 years old as of January 1 of current year.

All Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship contests will be held before the regular classes,

starting with Junior, then Intermediate and Senior Showmanship in the rabbit, poultry, beef, dairy, dog, feeder calf, horse, sheep and swine.

GROOMING ONLY BY EXHIBITORS AND IMMEDIATE MEMBERS OF AN EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY (PARENTS, SISTERS AND/OR BROTHERS). Any Dawson County 4-H exhibitor may help and is encouraged to do so. 4-H'ers may also request grooming assistance from beyond their immediate family if it is needed due to special family circumstances. This request must be directed to the Show Superintendent at entry time. All grooming at County Fair will be "Blow and Go" which shall be defined as no adhesives, waxes, coloring agents, paints, natural or synthetic fibers, or any other items that would change the basic appearance of any animal. Fly sprays, banding horses' manes and coat dressing compounds are acceptable.

Trophies will be presented in all three age divisions in Beef, Feeder Calf, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit and Dog. At least one trophy will be awarded in Dairy, Meat Goat and Cat.

In the Beef Showmanship Contest no bull leaders will be allowed. No boars, rams, bulls or stallions will be permitted in showmanship classes.

Members will be eligible to compete in the division in which they won first place in a previous County Fair Showmanship contest. Members will not be allowed to win the Junior, Intermediate or Senior Showmanship trophy over two times in any one species of livestock. Showmanship is open to all 4-Hers entered in that respective animal project.

	Dept	Section	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
Beef	G	10	902	903	904
Feeder Calf	G	10	905	906	907
Sheep	G	30	902	903	904
Swine	G	35	902	903	904
Dairy/Dairy Goat	G	50	902	903	904
Horse	G	960	901	902	903
Poultry	G	70	902	903	904
Rabbit	G	80	901	902	903
Cat	G	690	901	902	903
Dog	G	700	901	902	903
Meat/Fiber Goat	G	58	901	902	903

Dawson County Elite Showmanship

Contest Description

The Elite Showmanship contest gives an opportunity for the top two senior showmen from the divisions of sheep, swine, feeder calves, and beef, to compete head to head for the best all-around senior showman honors at the Dawson County Fair. In this contest each contestant will be judged on their showmanship skills and knowledge with each species of animal. The judge will use a numerical scoring system to grade each individual in each species, with the ultimate winner determined by the highest total score overall in showing and on a test. In the event of a tie, the tied individuals will be asked to answer an industry related question to the event judge.

Who is Eligible

There is no limit on how many times a person may compete in the Dawson County Elite Showmanship Contest as a senior showman. However, once an individual is no longer eligible to compete at the State level Elite Showmanship contest, they will not be able to participate on the county level Elite Showmanship contest, but may still participate in their respective species showmanship. Exhibitors must receive a purple ribbon in showmanship to potentially qualify for the Elite Showmanship contest. The top two exhibitors in each species will be asked to compete in the contest. In the event that the one of the top qualifiers in a species has already been selected to compete in the County Elite Showmanship Contest this year, (or if he/she declines to compete in the Elite Showmanship Contest) the next highest ranking individual who meets eligibility requirements may compete instead. This selection process continues until a representative is chosen or until there are no purple ribbon showmen remaining in that species.

Note: If the top showman has already received the trophy twice in the senior division of a species, but the judge selects them as the top placed showman, they are eligible to participate in the Elite Showmanship Contest. They will be considered 1st place showman in that species for Elite Showmanship purposes.

Animals used in the contest

A committee will be selected to choose the animals to be used in the Elite Showmanship Contest. The exhibitors will draw a number to decide which animal, at random, they will show in the

competition. The committee will provide showsticks, combs, whips/canes, brushes etc. for showing purposes. The exhibitors will not need to bring anything to the showing.

Exhibitors

4-H exhibitors are to be dressed according to Dawson County 4-H Dress Code. If the showman is not appropriately dressed, they will have 5 minutes to change or otherwise will not show. The 4-Her must wear their given back-tag numbers during this competition. 4-H'ers must be present at the listed times of competition in order to compete. Those exhibitors who have been asked to compete in the Elite Showmanship Contest must report their decision to either show, or decline to show, within two hours of the conclusion of that species show.

Contest Details

The contest will start at 4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon at the Extension Office Building where the exhibitors will take a 30 question test. Following the test, the exhibitors will report to the showing for the showmanship portion of the contest at 5:00 pm.

4:00 pm – Extension Office Building - take test

5:00 pm – Stevens Arena - Begin showmanship contest

Show order:

1. Swine
2. Sheep
3. Beef

DEPARTMENT G – BEEF CATTLE

Purple \$7.00, Blue \$7.00 Red \$5.00, White \$3.00

Division 11 -- Market Beef

Each member may exhibit **THREE** Market Beef. The superintendent and assistant superintendent will weigh all calves as they are unloaded and make entries at that time. No minimum weight requirement. Market beef will be shown by weight starting with the heaviest.

Grooming rules for the live show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

All Market Beef must be ear tagged and weighed by the February/March weigh days for 4-H county, Rate-of-gain competition. Shows beyond the county level may have additional requirements. All 4-H beef calves must be inspected by the Brand Inspector at the time the 4-H'er purchases the calf whether from the Sale Barn, neighbor or parents and a brand release issued at that time. This should be done when 4-H'ers assume ownership.

In the individual Market Beef judging, the Superintendent will be responsible to see that a card is pinned on the front of the 4-H'ers T-shirt or blouse showing the average daily gain from the beginning weigh-in to the County Fair weigh-in ... which the judge and general public can see and use during the official judging.

G-11-901 Market Beef Steers.

G-11-050 Market Beef Heifers.

G-11-902 Club Group of Five Market Calves ... A 4-H Club may have 1 or 2 Club Groups of Five.

Calves can be of either sex but within each group must be from 3 different owners. If a Club has 2 groups, no owner can have calves in both groups. One 4-H herdsman per Club Group of Five.

BRED AND FED STEERS

This class is designed to recognize the quality of animals in Dawson County on the exhibitor's own farm or ranch. Steers that are produced from the 4-H member's own herd or the herd of their immediate family are eligible. The steer's dam must have been bred and calved at the family's facilities and the steer must have stayed in the ownership of the family since its birth. Immediate family for the purpose of determination of eligibility for this class will be defined as parents or legal guardian.

Bred and fed classes will be divided by weight and at the discretion of the supervising committee. An exhibitor is still only allowed three market beef. If the animal qualifies for Bred and Fed, it may show in either that category or the traditional steer classes. Exhibitor should sign up for the "Bred & Fed" class when they check-in their steers at the County Fair.

SHARE-A-CALF

Locating suitable calves and a sizable initial investment were felt to be two reasons why more youth aren't involved in the Market Beef project. The Share-A-Calf project provides 4-H'ers with a 4-H calf at no cost until after it is sold at finished weight. In addition to competing in the regular County Fair Beef Show, participating 4-H'ers will also compete with other Share-A-Calf owners in an overall contest

which is scored as follows:	Maximum Points
Reports to sponsors (3)	15
Record Book	20
Showmanship	20
Average Daily Gain (ADG)	15
Live Placing	15
Carcass	15
TOTAL	100

A uniform set of calves are distributed by random drawing based on applications submitted by November 15. 4-H participants must care for, train, show and keep records on their Share-A-Calf project. When the market weight Share-A-Calf is sold, its beginning value as determined by the committee is returned to the 4-H Foundation. Special awards will be given in addition to regular class premiums.

Funding for the Share-A-Calf project is through donations to the Dawson County 4-H Foundation.

Market Beef Rate of Gain – Market Beef with the four highest calculated rates of gain will be recognized with special ribbons. A champion & reserve will be selected.

Market Beef & Share-A-Calf Carcass Contest

A voluntary 4-H Beef Carcass Sale and Contest will be held in cooperation with Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. of Lexington. An outline of the program is as follows:

- Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. will post "in the beef" prices on Friday.
- 4-H members must indicate by 4:00 p.m. Friday, if their market calves are to be entered into the carcass contest. Cattle will be transported by stock trailer to Tyson. Carcass cattle must have been entered at the County Fair. No Breeding Beef heifers are eligible. (Dates and Times are subject to change based on Tyson's slaughter schedule.)
- On Monday, all carcasses will be evaluated and placed according to cutability or yield grade which are measures of lean muscle and quality grade where marbling, color and texture of lean are considered. Ties will be broken by rib eye area per 100 pounds of carcass. Carcasses will be placed as follows:

Purple - Grade prime with a Yield Grade 3.49 or better. Grade choice with a Yield Grade 2.99 or better. Carcasses must weigh between 700 and 949 lbs.

Blue - Grade High Select with a Yield Grade of 2.99 or better or Grade Choice or better with a Yield Grade of 3.99 or better and carcass weights of 650 to 1049 lbs.

Red - High Select with a Yield Grade 3.99 or better; Choice with a Yield Grade of 4.0 to 4.99. Both with carcass weights of 540 to 1049 pounds.

White - All others (Low Select, Standard, No Roll, Dark Cutters, Bullocks, Yield Grade 4 and 5, carcass weights of 539 lbs. or less or 1050 lbs. or more.

The carcasses will be ranked in descending cutability order within the ribbon groups with these adjustments: Carcasses that grade Prime and Yield Grade 3.99 or better will be given a 9.24 increase in cutability for ranking purposes. Carcasses that grade Average or High Choice & Yield Grade 3.99 or better will be given a 3.92 increase in cutability for ranking purposes. Carcasses that grade High Select will receive a 4.62 decrease in cutability for ranking purposes. And carcasses that grade Low Select will receive a 9.24 decrease in cutability for ranking purposes.

Times may be changed based on slaughter schedule of the cooperating packer. Be sure to have the proper brand release papers.

Purple, Blue, Red, White - Premiums TBA based upon livestock booster dollars.

G-010-003 Beef Carcass Contest

Divisions 912 through 914 – Breeding Beef Cattle

Each member may exhibit **THREE** Breeding animals.

Junior, Intermediate, then Senior Showmanship will be judged before the first class.

In 4-H Breeding Beef Classes - Breeding heifers must be identified with a family tag, an EID tag or an ear tattoo that is recorded on an Identification Form by June 15.

Classify Breeding Beef similar to State Fair.

Grade or Purebred will be shown in the same classes. The judge will be given the age of the breeding heifers in each class.*

The class number for the various breeding heifer breeds is as follows: (Ex. Angus heifers G-912-10

would be January & February British breeding heifers or Charolais Heifers G-913-20 would be March & April Continental Breeding Heifers).

912 British Breeds (Angus, Hereford & Shorthorns)

913 Continental/Composite Breeds (Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Simmental, Shorthorn Plus, Chi-maine, Mainetainer, Balancer, SimGenetics, etc.)

914 Commercial/Crossbred (All other breeds and crossbreds)

G-__-010 Yearling Heifers – calved January and February 2021.

G-__-020 Yearling Heifers – calved March and April 2021.

G-__-030 Yearling Heifers – calved May and June 2021.

G-__-040 Yearling Heifers – calved July and August 2021.

G-__-050 Heifers – calved September and October 2021.

G-__-060 Heifers – calved November and December 2021.

Division 923 – Cow-Calf

Purple \$7.00, Blue \$7.00, Red \$5.00, White \$3.00

Each member may exhibit **TWO** cow-calf pairs. Cows from a Cow-Calf pair must be identified by June 15 on a Dawson County Cow/Calf I.D. sheet. Cow should carry same eartag or tattoo used in her previous project. Calf to be identified on same Cow/Calf I.D. by June 1 or as soon as calf is born. Calf must have a recorded eartag.

Cow must have been exhibited as a bucket calf, feeder calf, calf from a cow-calf pair, or breeding heifer at a past county fair. Calf may be a heifer, steer or bull. Must have been exhibited by the same 4-H'er or family and owned by the same. Both cow and calf shall remain on the grounds from check-in until released Saturday. They will be penned in available pens or with club exhibit.

Both cow and calf will be shown at halter by the 4-H'er and a 4-H helper at the conclusion of the breeding beef show. Neither animal is eligible for showmanship. Cow and Calf will not require any clipping. **They should be cleaned and brushed, but no clipping.**

A calf identified as part of a cow-calf pair cannot show in the feeder calf show at County Fair. An effort will be made to display the age of the cow and calf; and if time allows, the pairs will be weighed and the weight pinned on each animal's exhibitor. If the class needs to be split because of numbers, first-calf heifers may be shown separately.

G-923-001 Cow-Calf Pair

Division 924 – Feeder Calf

Purple \$5.00, Blue \$5.00, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each member may exhibit **THREE** Feeder Calves.

Feeder Calf Ownership: 4-H'ers must identify all feeder calves by June 15 of the current year. If the family does not own a cow-herd, the 4-H'er may lease or purchase a feeder calf from a neighbor or Dawson County beef producer. The 4-H member, and not the owner, must prepare, train and groom it for the show.

4-H'ers can identify no more than 20 head. **4-H'ers may not carry both feeder calf & bucket calf projects during the same year.**

Calves must be born between January 1-June 1 (identification deadline) of this year.

Calves must be tagged with a 4-H eartag or EID tag by June 15 and their birthdate, breed, sex, etc. recorded on an identification form.

Feeder Calves must be entered by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. The calves will be released immediately following the show. There will be no stalls assigned to the calves. This project is excellent for the younger 4-H members starting the 4-H beef project as well as other members. Sex and weight divisions will be made by the Superintendent. All Feeder Calves should be dehorned and castrated... if not, they will be lowered one ribbon placing. The judge will be given the age in each class.

G-924-001 Steer Calf

G-924-002 Heifer Calf

G-924-004 Breeding Heifer Calf

G-924-003 Club Group of Five Feeder Calves...A 4-H Club may have 1 or 2 Club Groups of Five.

Calves can be of either sex but within each group must be from 3 different owners. If a Club has 2 groups, no owner can have calves in both groups. One 4-H herdsman per Club Group of Five.

Division 925 - Bucket Calf

Purple \$5.00, Blue \$5.00, red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each member may exhibit ONE Bucket Calf. These 4-H'ers will not show in another separate showmanship class as showmanship is a part of the bucket calf class scoring.

Bucket Calf Ownership: 4-H'ers 8 to 12 years of age must own and identify their bucket calf by June 15 of the current year. Any numbered eartag may be used and should be recorded in the 4-H'ers record book by June 15. Calves should be born between January 1 & June 1 of the current year and may be of either sex. Early castration of bull calves is recommended. This is not a feeder calf but an orphan or newborn calf fed on a bucket or bottle. **4-H'ers may not carry both feeder calf & bucket calf projects during the same year.**

Bucket calves should be entered along with their record sheet and diary at the southeast corner of the Stevens Arena by 10:00 a.m., Thursday. A short interview will take place at that time. Bucket Calves will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Bucket calves are released immediately following the show.

Calves recommended to be shown in a rope halter. They should be cleaned and brushed. No fitting or clipping. No show sticks. The quality of the calf shall not figure in the judging, rather the emphasis will be on knowledge and skills gained. The Bucket Calf Diary & Record Sheet will be evaluated, the interview scored, and showmanship and thriftiness ranked by the judge. A Bucket Calf Scorecard is available at the Extension Office.

G-925-001 Bucket Calf

Clover Kid Bucket Calf Project - This non-competitive project has been designed for Clover Kid 4-H'ers (5-7 years of age as of January 1). The purpose of this project is to give Clover Kid 4-H'ers experience in caring and showing a bucket calf. Between January 1 and June 1, an orphan or newborn calf less than 2 weeks old and of either sex should be selected to be fed by bucket or bottle by the 4-H'er. The calf may be dairy, beef, or a cross. 4-H'ers must own their bucket calf. No official 4-H tag or ID sheet is required. Any numbered eartag may be used. Calves will be shown in a rope halter. The calf should be cleaned and brushed. No fitting, clipping or show sticks. 4-H'ers will receive a Clover Kid participation ribbon and \$2.00 premium. See page 94.

DEPARTMENT G – SHEEP

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each 4-H member may exhibit **FOUR** breeding animals and **FOUR** market lambs.

Individual 4-H members can ear tag and identify up to a maximum of 20 Market Lambs for county, and State Fair by June 15.

Junior, Intermediate, then Senior sheep showmanship will be judged before the first class.

No minimum weight requirement.

If there are any questions on classifying sheep according to breed in the different breeding classes, the Extension Educator will appoint two purebred sheep breeders to decide on the classification.

Lamb fungus is highly transmissible. Please do not bring sheep with ringworm, lamb fungus, etc. to the fair. Lambs must be shorn to facilitate inspection. Superintendents will inspect incoming lambs and any with problems will be removed from the grounds. Any lambs identified as contagious may remain on the grounds if accompanied by a 48 hour health certificate or may return to the sheep barn if a health certificate is obtained stating they are not contagious.

Grooming rules for the live show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

All Market Lambs will be shown according to weight, regardless of breed, crossbred, or sex. No bucks can be shown in Market Lamb classes.

All sheep being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA official I.D. (scrapie tag) and recorded on an identification form.

Division 31 – Market Sheep

G-31-901 Market Lambs

G-31-902 Club Group of Five Market Lambs...A 4-H Club may have 1 or 2 Club Groups of Five.

Lambs can be of either sex but within each group must be from 3 different owners. If a Club has 2 groups, no owner can have lambs in both groups. One 4-H herdsman per Club Group of Five.

4-H Market Lamb Percent Muscle Contest

- The percent muscle will be evaluated using ultrasonic equipment on the live market lamb on Saturday morning of fair.
- The lambs will be measured for backfat and loin eye area. Hot carcass weight will be calculated

using live weight times a predetermined dressing percentage.

- c) Youth may enter all of your market lambs in the Percent Muscle Contest. Farm Credit Services of America, Kearney Branch will pay the entry fee. Breeding ewes may also be scanned for educational value.
- d) Lambs weighing less than 110# or with less than .10 inch backfat are not eligible for purple or blue carcass ribbons.

Purple, Blue, Red, White - Premiums TBA

G-030-905 Lamb Percent Muscle Contest

Division 32 -- Breeding Sheep

	Div. 32	Div. 932	Div. 32	Div. 932
	Ewe	Ram	Yrlg.	Yrlg.
	Lamb	Lamb	Ewe	Ram
	(born after 1-1-2022)		(born in 2021)	

Class:

Hampshire	100	100	90	90
Suffolk	120	120	110	110
Other Meat Breeds	901	901	902	902
& Crossbreds (Shropshires, Southdown, Dorset, Cheviot)				
Other Wool Breeds	903	903	904	904
& Crossbreds (Rambouillet, Merino, Columbia, Corriedale, Polypay, Targhee, Romney, Lincoln, Finnsheep)				

Division 30 – 4-H Sheep Lead Contest

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

The aim of the Sheep Lead Class is to present a stylish and becoming picture and to lend an air of elegance and prestige. In addition, it will bring out the value of wool in sheep production and its value in clothing apparel.

- a) Contestants must be 4-H sheep exhibitors at the Dawson County Fair in which case they may buy or make their wool outfit; or contestants need not be a sheep exhibitor but may borrow a sheep to lead from an exhibitor in which case the outfit must be handmade by the exhibitor.
- b) Contestants outfit must be at least 60% wool.
- c) Sheep must lead by a halter.
- d) If you are planning on entering this event a commentary sheet (available at the extension office) must be turned in by July 7. It should include enough information to last 1-2 minutes while the sheep is shown. It should include: name of sheep owner and breeder; name of contestant; age, hometown and parents; description of the outfit; interests and activities of the contestant, etc.
- e) Judging of the Lead Class will be as follows: Judging of the Sheep (general appearance, fitting of the sheep, leading ability) - 35 pts; Judging the Contestants (general appearance selection of outfit, fit of clothes, fashion consciousness) - 35 pts; Judging the Overall Picture (function of ewe and contestant, control of sheep; overall effect - 30 pts.

G-30-910 Sheep Lead Class

DEPARTMENT G – SWINE

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each 4-H member may exhibit **FOUR** market hogs and **FOUR** breeding gilts. Market hogs may be either barrows or gilts.

All Market Hogs must be identified under supervision of the 4-H leader by June 15. All 4-H Market Hogs should be ear notched in both ears using the universal earmotch system or have an EID tag and be identified for county, on an Identification Form. Shows beyond the county fair may have additional requirements. All 4-H Swine exhibitors must be Quality Assurance certified.

Individual 4-H club members can identify up to a maximum of 40 Market Hogs for county/state fair.

No minimum weight requirement. The weight classes in which the market hogs are placed will be determined by the Superintendent according to weight and numbers.

There will be one scale with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent as weigh masters. There will be one person to record weight tickets.

Junior, Intermediate, and the Senior Showmanship will be judged before the first class.

Wash pig in wash rack...do not wash pigs in pens. No oil, color, powder, can be used on pigs...only

water before they enter the show ring.

Grooming rules for the lives show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

Hog barn will be locked from 11:00 p.m. till 6:00 a.m.

All Market Hogs will be shown according to weight and sex.

Division 36 – Breeding Swine

All Breeding Gilts are required to be born on or after December 1, 2021. No boars allowed. Breeding gilts may be listed on market ID sheet. Gilts must be declared breeding or market the day of check-in at fair. No need to declare ahead of time. Hogs will be weighed in and placed in classes according to weight. No minimum or maximum weight limit required for purple ribbons.

G-036-001 Breeding Gilt

Division 35 – Market Swine

G-035-010 Gilt

G-035-020 Barrow

G-35-905 Club Group of Five Market Hogs...A 4-H Club may have 1 or 2 Club Groups of Five. Hogs can be of either sex but within each group must be from 3 different owners. If a Club has 2 groups, no owner can have hogs in both groups. One 4-H herdsman per Club group of Five.

4-H Market Swine Percent Muscle Contest:

- a) The Percent Muscle will be evaluated using ultrasonic equipment on the live market hogs.
- b) The hogs will be measured for backfat and loin eye area. Hot carcass weight will be calculated using live weight times 73% Dressing Percentage. No hogs weighing less than 230 pounds live are eligible for blue or purple carcass awards. The State Fair rules will be used as a guideline for ribbons and rankings.
- c) You may enter all of your market hogs in the Percent Muscle Contest. Breeding gilts may also be scanned for educational value. Farm Credit Services of America, Kearney Branch will pay the entry fee.
- d) An effort will be made to market the pigs as a group. If not possible, 4-H'ers will be responsible for marketing their own animal. The County Fair will no longer be a terminal swine show. Swine may be shown at other 4-H shows. All 4-H swine exhibitors must be certified in Pork Quality Assurance or their 4-H Quality Assurance Certificate must be current to sell. A premise ID is required to sell.
- e) Hogs will be signed up for an ultrasound Percent Muscle Contest as they are checked in.

Purple, Blue, Red, White - Premiums TBA

G-035-003 Swine Percent Muscle Contest

DEPARTMENT G – DAIRY

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each 4-H member may exhibit **THREE** dairy cattle. Each animal shown must have been enrolled and carried in a 4-H Dairy project, and properly identified on 4-H F108 by the 4-H leader by June 1. Showmanship will be judged before the first class. Holsteins, Guernseys, Brown Swiss and other breeds will be shown in the following classes. Dairy cattle will be released after show.

Grooming rules for the live show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

Classify dairy cattle similar to State Fair. Grade and Purebred will be shown in the same class.

Division 41 – Ayshires

Division 42 – Brown Swiss

Division 43 – Guernseys

Division 44 – Holsteins

Division 45 – Jersey

Division 46 – Milking Shorthorn

Division 47 – Crossbred

G-__ - 010	Spring Heifer calves	3/1/22-4/30/22
G-__ - 020	Winter Heifer calves	12/1/21-2/28/22
G-__ - 030	Fall Heifer calves	9/1/21-11/30/22
G-__ - 040	Summer Yearlings	6/1/21-8/31/21
G-__ - 050	Spring Yearlings	3/1/21-5/31/21
G-__ - 060	Winter Yearlings	12/1/20-2/28/21
G-__ - 070	Fall Yearlings	9/1/20-11/30/20
G-__ - 080	Dry Cow	Any Age

G__ - 090 2 Year Old	9/1/19-8/31/20 (must have freshened)
G__ -100 3 Year Old	9/1/18-8/31/20
G__ -110 4 Year Old	9/1/17-8/31/18
G__ -120 5 plus Year Old	Prior to 9/1/17

Yearlings that have calved, freshening prior to show, must be shown as two-year olds in Class 90.

DEPARTMENT G – GOATS

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each 4-H member may exhibit **FOUR** dairy goats **FOUR** meat goats, **FOUR** breeding does, and **FOUR** fiber goats.

Meat Goats & Fiber Goats must be eartagged and recorded on an identification form (market) or on a Breeding Doe ID by June 15. Dairy Goats should be identified on an identification form by June 15.

Goats will be shown either with a smooth neck chain or neck collar.

Showmanship for meat goats and fiber goats will be conducted prior to the first class.

Grooming rules for the live show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

All goats being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA official I.D. (scrapie tag). All goats for State Fair must be identified with scrapie tags on line.

Division 957 – Dairy Goats

G-957-001 Under 5 months doe

G-957-002 5 months to 8 months doe

G-957-003 8 months to 1 year doe

G-957-004 1-2 Years non-milking doe

G-957-005 Under 2 years milking doe

G-957-006 2 and 3 yrs. milking doe

G-957-007 4 years & over, milking doe

Division 58 – Meat Goats

All goats should have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable & preferred. No intact males may be shown. No minimum weight requirements.

Goats must be under 1 year of age.

No intact males may be shown.

G-58-010 Market Goat

Division 59 – Meat Goat Breeding Does

G-059-030 Registered and Commercial Yearling Does (Does born 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2021). Does born prior to 9/1/2020 are ineligible to show.

G-059-040 - Registered and Commercial Doe Kids (Does Born 9/1/2021 to 6/1/2022)

Division 959 – Goats for Fiber

G-959-001 Goats for Fiber Production (angora goats & cashmere goats).

HERDSMANSHIP

Purple \$6.00, Blue \$6.00, Red \$4.00, White \$2.00

Each club will compete for herdsmanship. The Superintendent will select judges, but only one 4-H leader or parent to be used from one club during the entire fair. One 4-H member 16 years of age or older may be asked to work with the committee of two adults judging in Herdsmanship. Consideration will be given to the general appearance, sanitation, neatness, and club's name above exhibits.

All new club signs must be 1/2" x 12" x 6". No crepe paper decorations will be allowed. The top club in beef, sheep, swine and dairy will have their club name engraved on the Herdsmanship Plaque.

4-H leaders and parents cannot help on Herdsmanship after the first day. A club must have at least three exhibitors in a species to compete for a plaque, but are eligible for ribbons. The following point system will be used: cleanliness of alleys and stall, 50% (no feed boxes or water pails left after feeding hours for beef or dairy except self-feeders and stationary water buckets and feeders; water and feed okay if in front of sheep and hogs; dust settled by a light sprinkling of water); arrangement of exhibit, 20% (feed, straw and show equipment); cleanliness and appearance of animals, 10% (beef and dairy tied securely with 18-20 inches of lead); neatness and completeness of stall and award card,

10%; courtesy and conduct of exhibitors and presence of one exhibitor during rush hours, 10%. Final herdsmanship will be checked after final clean-up.

G-10-001 Beef G-35-001 Swine G-30-001 Sheep G-58-001 Goats

DEPARTMENT G – RIDING HORSE

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

There will be no limit on the number of Dawson County 4-H horses identified. Each exhibitor may enter as many horse classes as they wish, however, they must select at entry time which five classes, plus showmanship they wish to be paid a premium on.

In joint ownership, a single horse may be entered in a class or event only once.

Horses must be entered by one class before the class in which you are participating. Horses will be released immediately following their showing. Participants must wear white shirts or blouses with convertible collars and blue jeans.

A 4-H member exhibiting a Light Horse project may own the horse themselves, use a family-owned horse, use a horse owned by someone else, or share a horse with other family members. Every horse project must be cared for by the 4-H member at least 75% of the time in single ownership. A horse carried as a project by more than one 4-H member must be cared for by each 4-H'er on an equal basis during the project year (120 days). Care includes: feeding, grooming, exercising, training, stall management and use of horse.

Each club member must identify their horse(s) on a horse identification form.

The I.D. sheet must be in the Extension Office by May 6 for Extension Educator's signature.

Final ID deadline for horse is June 15. Classes and events will be conducted according to 4-H 373 (Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide). No stallions can be shown. For 4-H'ers safety reasons....if a mare is showing, the foal must remain at the trailer at all times.

Division 961 – English Performance Classes

All classes based on ages of exhibitors: Senior Division - 14 years old or older as of January 1 of current year. Intermediate Division - 12 and 13 years old as of January 1 of current year. Junior Division - Under 12 years of age as of January 1 of current year.

- G-961-001 Hunter Over Fences** (At least Level 2. All ages) fences set to skill level (not offered in 2022)
- G-961-002 Equitation Over Fences** (At least Level 2. All ages) fences set to skill level (not offered in 2022)
- G-961-004 Hunter Hack** (At least Level 2. All ages)
- G-961-005 English Pleasure** (all ages)
- G-961-006 English Equitation** (all ages)

Division 962 - 969 Western Performance Classes

G-970-1 2 & 3 yr. old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure (all ages, at least Level 2 required, horses not eligible for western pleasure, 4-H'ers to do majority of training, snaffle bit or bosal permitted)

Dept.	Section	Jr.	Intermed.	Sr.	
G	962	1	2	3.....	Western Pleasure
G	971	1	2	3.....	Ranch Horse Pleasure
G	963	1	2	3.....	Western Horsemanship
G	969	1	2	3.....	Trail
G	964	1	2	3.....	Reining
G	966	1	2	3.....	Barrel Race
G	965	1	2	3.....	Pole Bending
G	968	1	2	3.....	Ranch Riding

} (Roping & Cattle classes not offered in 2022.)

- G-962-000 Walk Trot Pleasure** (all ages)*
- G-963-000 Walk Trot Horsemanship** (all ages)*

*Level 1 or below, 4-H'ers not eligible for other pleasure or horsemanship/equitation classes.

- G-967-001 Break-Away Roping** (Level 2. Any age) 1 calf, 1 rope and 2 loops.
- G-967-002 Heading** (Level 2. All ages)
- G-967-003 Heeling** (Level 2. All ages)
- G-967-004 Working Ranch Horse** (Level 2. All ages)

Pre 4-H Lead Line - Class no longer offered due to revision in State 4-H Policy.