

large crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits. 4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair."

While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury.

DRUG - ALCOHOL use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in the 4-H section of the Dawson County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.

To be eligible to show at the Dawson County Fair, a boy or girl must be a 4-H member in Dawson County, and met all enrollment and identification deadlines to be eligible to compete for prizes. 4-H members must be taking the projects which they exhibit. Example: if showing in breeding class, member must carry breeding project. 4-H members must have reached their ninth birthday during the current calendar year and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year to participate in the 4-H program or to exhibit at the county fair (except Clover Kids ages 5-7 as of January 1).

Youth are enrolled when they are on the membership records in the Dawson County Extension Office. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension will recognize 4-H members and volunteer leaders of the county in which they are enrolled in 4-H irrespective of their place of residence.

A member cannot enroll in the same 4-H project area in more than one county or state in the same year. (Example: beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, market beef and breeding beef are among those listed within the beef project area), clothing, horse, foods, etc.) Exception: Youth may enroll in shooting sports projects in more than one county. Enrollment should occur by discipline (i.e., shotgun, BB gun) based on available certified instructors. Youth may not be enrolled in the same discipline in more than one county.

A member may not duplicate specific 4-H experiences by enrollment in more than one county or state in the same year. (Example: public speaking, presentation, scholarship eligibility, record books.)

4-H members may apply for county level awards, scholarships, vouchers, etc. in the unit where they are enrolled, as long as they are not applying for similar awards, scholarships, etc., in another county where they may also be a member.

Regulations not covered in the County Fair 4-H rules will be governed according to State Fair 4-H Rules.

All awards will be made on a group basis according to merit. Purple awards denote superior exhibits; blue awards denote an excellent exhibit; red, a good exhibit; white, an acceptable exhibit. Each entry number will show its own premium amounts. Purple awards will receive the blue ribbon money, that they have previously won in the class.

The Dawson County 4-H Council suggests that the judge consider awarding about P-15%; B-40%; R-40%; W-5% ribbons. However, the judge will make the final decision and it may be higher or lower.

The judge or superintendent reserves the right to change a ribbon or placing in case of an error.

Since 4-H leaders are familiar with rules and regulations in the miscellaneous 4-H exhibits, the superintendent may ask 4-H leaders to assist with the judging.

Unless otherwise stated, or excused by the Superintendent, entries start and close at the designated time.

All exhibits are to remain on the grounds until 7:00 a.m. Sunday.

Exhibitors should not be in the barns with livestock after 10:00 p.m. Water fights could cause the withholding of premium money.

The County Extension Educator will attempt to haul 4-H static exhibits to the Nebraska State Fair providing there is room in the Extension vehicle. The 4-H'er or parent will be responsible if there is not sufficient room for the large items.

The 4-H State Fair Premium is online at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>

#### **COUNTY FAIR 4-H GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

Grievances or protests related to County 4-H Policy will be handled by the 4-H Council.

1. The respective superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on rules stated in the Dawson County Premium Book. Authority responsible for all livestock classes lies with the Dawson County Extension Office. Every possible attempt will be to closely match the Nebraska State Fair classes except where less than 4 competitors are ID'd in a class. Classes may be combined with like kind animals where possible. If combination is not possible, the class will be canceled. Classes are not considered a grievance issue.
2. All protests must be submitted in writing with the date, time and signature. The written protest must be submitted before the conclusion of the county fair. All written protests should be

submitted to a 4-H staff member and should include:

- Names of persons involved
  - Nature of concerns
  - Situation description
  - Desired action
  - Persons to contact for further clarification
  - A description of any action or steps that have already been taken prior to submission of the protest.
  - A \$50 deposit will accompany the written protest, which will be forfeited if the protester does not attend the protest resolution meeting. The deposit will be returned upon completion of the process.
3. The grievance committee appointed by the 4-H Council will review the written protest and respond in a timely manner. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
  4. The protest committee appointed by the 4-H Council should consist of the department superintendent, at least one 4-H Council member, a designated Extension staff person (non-voting member) and a County Fair Ag Society member (preferably one of the Fairboard's 4-H Council representatives).
  5. In cases of protest, the exhibitor may be allowed to show, but results of participation will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
  6. Protests related to judge's integrity, decisions, placings or other evaluations will not be accepted.

### COUNTY FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK POLICIES

To show at County Fair

1. All species identification methods accepted for the State Fair will be accepted for County Fair.
2. The final deadline for Animal ID's in the office is June 15. Poultry do not require ID
3. June 1 or the county weighday is the deadline for all livestock species (horses TBA) to have ID's submitted to qualify for the Club ID incentive.
4. All 4-H & FFA members must ear tag and weigh their market beef calves at a county weigh-in to be eligible for the rate of gain contest. All Market Beef must be IDed with an EID tag prior to the June 15 State deadline. Market Beef for State Fair must also submit DNA samples.
5. By June 1 all 4-H members should identify their 4-H horses and return the ID sheet to the Extension Office for the Educator's signature. Additional horses may be identified until June 15.
6. All 4-H & FFA Market Lambs, Breeding Sheep, Meat Goats and Breeding Does must be identified with scrapies tag number (State-farm-individual) by June 15. The 4-H Sheep & Goat identification and weighday is June 7. 4-H EID tags or the State Fair required scrapies tags are all accepted at County Fair. All sheep and meat goats (market & breeding) for State Fair, must also submit DNA samples.
7. 4-H leaders or 4-H/FFA members must ear notch all Market & Breeding Swine by June 15. The State Fair required EID tags are acceptable for County Fair. All hogs (market & breeding) for State Fair must submit DNA samples.
8. Feeder Calf Ownership: 4-H'ers must identify all feeder calves by June 15. 4-H tags or EID tags are acceptable forms of ID. For County Fair only, if the family does not own a cow-herd, the 4-H'er/FFA 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.
9. Individual 4-H/FFA members can ear tag and identify up to a maximum of 20 individual market beef calves; 20 market lambs; 40 market hogs; 20 feeder calves; with no limit on the number of Breeding Heifers, Horses, Dairy, Breeding Sheep, or Goats. Joint ownership in the immediate family is permitted.
10. 4-H'ers should not be in the barns/arena with livestock and exhibits after 10:00 pm during the Dawson County Fair.
11. All Livestock exhibitors must be Quality Assurance (YQCA) certified by June 1.

**GROOMING...GROOMING AT THE FAIR IS ONLY BY EXHIBITORS AND IMMEDIATE MEMBERS OF AN EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY (PARENTS, BROTHERS AND/OR SISTERS).** 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 or conformation of any animal. Fly sprays, banding horses' manes and coat dressing compounds are acceptable.**

All exhibitors will be required to sign the IAFE Code of Conduct for livestock exhibition.

All products or chemicals such as but not limited to Gold Dust, Juiced, Swells etc. which chemically alter the animal or the use of drenching or feeding an animal product not approved by the FDA as a livestock feed and which causes distress such as forced water intake, forced ingestion of vegetable oil or any other practice of sort that is deemed to be unethical or abusive.

No diseased livestock can be unloaded. If there are any questions, a veterinarian will be called. Swine shall originate directly from a herd not under quarantine for pseudorabies. 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.

Members of the 4-H livestock clubs cannot show the same animal at the County Fair if it has been previously shown at another County Fair this year.

Livestock will be entered as unloaded. 4-H livestock superintendents will check identification as livestock is entered. Bedding shall be wood chips only and will be provided. Livestock exhibitors must furnish their own feed and hay at County Fair and State Fair.

In 2019, the Dawson County 4-H Council changed all market animal shows to no minimum weight. All animals are eligible for purple ribbons and eligible to compete for champion.

If there is any question on the show weight of the 4-H market calf, lamb, or pig, the market animal, the 4-H'er and/or 4-H parents, and a third party appointed by the superintendent may weigh the animal uptown on the Lexington Feeders Service scale. The uptown scale weight will be the official show weight.

In livestock, the Show Superintendent has the final decision on the size of classes and classification of individual animals. The suggested maximum number of cattle, hogs and sheep per class to be 10 head.

Exhibitors are not allowed to wear hats in the show ring when showing market and breeding livestock.

Exhibitors should carve their name on the inside of halters and on combs, brushes, etc. In other words, mark or paint some kind of identification on personal show equipment.

P, B, R, W, paper stickers will be available to place on your stall cards.

Substitute Showman - An animal must be shown by the owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of serious illness or disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg). An exhibitor who has more than 1 animal in a class need not secure approval for another 4-H member to show the additional animal. The same dress code should be followed.

All 4-H'ers should be available to promptly enter into the showing by last call. It is a courtesy to the judge, fellow 4-H'ers and viewing audience.

## **STATE FAIR REGULATIONS**

The 4-H State Fair premium is on line at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>.

In State Fair classes where presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes such as animal exhibits, judging contest, presentations, and fashion show; a 4-H member must become 8 years of age during the current year. Horse exhibitors at the State 4-H Horse Expo must become 8 years of age during the current year. A 4-H'er is ineligible if he/she becomes 20 or older on any date during the current year.

The County Extension policy is that 4-H members exhibiting livestock at shows are responsible for their own entries, transportation, loading, showing, etc. The Extension Educators will be available for questions about the show.

State Fair and other livestock show exhibitors should become familiar with the rules and entry dates for the individual shows.

Due to the large number of County 4-H club members attending the Nebraska State Fair, the parents will be responsible for the supervision and accountable for the actions of their children both day and night.

State Fair show animals must be nominated (ID'd) by the 4-H'er through the online process with corresponding fees paid online. All beef, feeder calves, sheep, meat goats, and hogs, (market & breeding in all species) must submit DNA samples by their respective identification 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 DNA 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 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. 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 September 23 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)

<b>Market Beef</b>	Steer Division Bred & Fed Steer Division Bred & Fed Heifer Division Heifer Division Market Beef Rate-of-Gain	<b>Market Sheep</b> <b>Breeding Sheep</b> <b>Yearling Ewe</b> <b>Ewe Lamb</b>	
<b>Breeding Heifers</b>	British Division Continental/Composite Division Crossbred/Commercial Division	<b>Market Swine</b>	Barrow Division Gilt Division
<b>Yearling Heifers</b>		<b>Breeding Swine</b>	
<b>Fall Heifers</b>		<b>Dairy Goat</b>	
<b>Senior Bred Heifer</b>	All Breeds	<b>Meat Goat</b>	
<b>Cow/Calf</b>		<b>Meat Goat Breeding Doe</b>	
<b>Feeder Calf</b>	Steer Division Market Heifer Division Breeding Heifer Division	<b>Poultry</b>	
		<b>Rabbit</b>	
		<b>Dog</b>	
		<b>Small Animals</b>	
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>			
<b>Beef, Sheep, Swine &amp; Meat Goat Carcass Contests</b>			

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 Cattle	\$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
Goat 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. Year of their High School Graduation

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, swine, meat goat and cat.

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, bucks or stallions will be permitted in showmanship classes (with the exception of rabbits).

Members will be eligible to compete in the division in which they won first place in a previous County Fair Showmanship contest. Members will be allowed to win a trophy more than twice in their respective division. 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 champion senior showman from the divisions of sheep, goats, swine, feeder calves, and beef, to compete head to head for the best all-round 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 total score over all in showing and a test. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected based upon the judge's discretion. The animal show order will be set by the committee prior to the event.

#### 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. Exhibitors must receive a purple ribbon in showmanship to potentially qualify for the Elite Showmanship contest. The top exhibitor will be asked to compete in the contest. In the event that the top qualifier in a species of animal has already been selected to compete in the Elite Showmanship Contest this year, (or if he/she declines to compete in the Elite Showmanship Contest) the next highest ranking individual in that species who meets eligibility requirements may compete instead. The 2nd place or next qualifying representative will qualify for a wildcard spot in the competition. The wildcards for each species will be drawn at random to fill the remaining three spots. This selection process continues until a representative is chosen or until there are no purple ribbon showmen remaining. A total of eight showman will participate in the contest.

#### Animals used in the contest

A committee will be selected to choose the species and animal to be used in the Elite Showmanship Contest based off of quality and quantity of showmanship animals. The exhibitors will draw a number to decide which animal, at random, they will show in the competition. The committee will provide show

sticks, combs, whips/canes, brushes, chains etc. for showing purposes. The exhibitors will not need to bring anything to the show ring.

#### **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-Hers must wear their given back-tag numbers during this competition. Those exhibitors who have been asked to compete in the Elite Showmanship Contest must report the 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 evening at the Extension Office Building where the exhibitors will take a 30-question test. Following the test, the exhibitors will report to the Stevens Arena showing for the showmanship portion of the contest at 5:00 pm. The show order and the species that will be shown during the competition will be chosen by the elite showmanship committee.

4:00 pm – Extension Office Building – take test

5:00 pm – Stevens Arena – begin Showmanship Contest

#### **Parade of Champions**

A Parade of Champions will be held during the Elite Showmanship contest. This will take place prior to the awards ceremony. All champion animals shown at the Dawson County Fair will be invited to participate.

#### **Elite Showmanship Committee**

Paul Peterson 308-529-0451, Shannon Peterson 308-529-2116, Derek McConville 308-962-4657, Taryn Vonderschmidt 308-325-0255.

### **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 lightest.

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.

#### **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. Only market animals eligible for Pen of 5. 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 AND HEIFERS**

This class is designed to recognize the quality of animals in Dawson County on the exhibitor's own farm or ranch. Cattle that are produced from the 4-H member's own herd or the herd of their immediate family are eligible. The cattle's dam must have been bred and calved at the family's facilities and the cattle 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 cattle classes. Exhibitor should sign up for the "Bred & Fed" class when they check-in their cattle 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:

- a) Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. will post “in the beef” prices on Friday.
- b) 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.)
- c) 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 2023.**

**G\_\_\_-020 Yearling Heifers – calved March and April 2023.**

**G\_\_\_-030 Yearling Heifers – calved May and June 2023.**

**G\_\_\_-040 Yearling Heifers – calved July and August 2023.**

**G\_\_\_-050 Heifers – calved September and October 2023.**

**G\_\_\_-060 Heifers – calved November and December 2023.**

**G-915-001 All Breeds – Senior Bred Heifer – calved August through Dec. 2022 (should be bred but not calved prior to show)**

#### **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.**

The winning cow/calf will advance to the final drive for Champion/Reserve Breeding Heifer.

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 for county competition only. Lease agreement forms are available at the Dawson County Extension Office. The 4-H member shall 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.

All Feeder Calves must be ear tagged with EID tags and identified on the identification sheet available on our website.

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 enroll in both feeder calf and 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 105.

## 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 at County Fair.

**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. Only market animals eligible for Pen of 5. 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.