

4-H and FFA Animal Exhibitor and Animal Project Regulations

Age of Exhibitor

4-H — A 4-H animal owner/exhibitor 8 to 18 years old on Jan. 1 of the current calendar show year is eligible to exhibit in 4-H-sponsored events. Exhibitors who are 10 as of Jan. 1 may exhibit at the State Fair and at the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition. 4-H members may be certified for state and interstate shows if they meet age requirements for that event and have properly enrolled animals.

FFA — Only bona fide Nebraska FFA members aged 12-21 shall be eligible for FFA Division entries. There will be no discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

Animal Ownership

All beef, swine and sheep project animals must be owned:

- a) solely by the 4-H exhibitor, or
- b) the exhibitor in partnership with other member(s) of his or her immediate family. Only the name of the showman can be on the show entry. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in the care of the head of the household.

Registration Papers

For State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben (4-H only), registration papers must show one of the following:

- a) the member's name as owner, or
- b) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is a member of the exhibitor's immediate family (see immediate family definition above), or
- c) the family farm or ranch name or parent's name.

| Species | Number of Animals | State Identification Deadline* |
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| Market Beef | 10 per member | April 15 of the current year |
| Market Lambs | 20 per member | June 15 of the current year |
| Beef Feeder Calves | 20 (total) per member | June 15 of the current year |
| Bucket Calves | | June 15 of the current year |
| Registered Breeding Heifers | | June 15 of the current year |
| Commercial Breeding Heifers | | June 15 of the current year |
| Registered Breeding Ewes | | June 15 of the current year |
| Commercial Breeding Ewes | | June 15 of the current year |
| Swine | 40 per member | June 15 of the current year |
| Breeding Swine | 40 per member | June 15 of the current year |
| Dairy | | June 15 of the current year |
| Dairy Goat | | June 15 of the current year |
| Meat (Market) Goats | 20 per member | June 15 of the current year |

*Individual counties and other shows or contests may use different information deadlines and/or rules, but for Nebraska State Fair 4-H and FFA division, these deadlines and information minimums must be met.

NOTE 4-H ONLY: DNA samples required for market beef, lambs, swine and meat goats at both State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

Identification of Animals

All animals must be individually identified, listed on the appropriate form and on file in the local extension office or with the local FFA chapter and general FFA superintendent..