

**DIXON COUNTY 4-H ELITE SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

1. The 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest provides an opportunity for the Champion and Reserve Champion of the Senior Division Showmanship from the 4-H Divisions of the large animal species (beef, sheep, swine, and goat) to compete for the best all-around senior showmanship honors at the fair. It is possible that one of the reserve showmen could be named as Champion 4-H Elite Showman.
2. In this contest, each contestant will show a pig, a goat, a sheep and a beef animal, while being judged on their showmanship skills with each species of animal. The judge will use a numerical scoring system to evaluate each individual at each species, with the winner determined by the total score over all species.
3. The contest will start at 9 a.m. on Sunday of the fair. Contestants are asked to be ready for the contest with their animal.
4. The champion and reserve champion senior showman (intermediate if no senior contestants) from the 4-H divisions of beef, sheep, goat, and swine are eligible. In the event that a person wins the showmanship contest in more than one species in a given year, they will be entered into the 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest in the first species that they qualified in. In that event, the next highest-ranking individual from the second species will be eligible to enter the 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest.
5. If the individual who has qualified has a conflict or otherwise chooses to not participate in the contest then the next highest ranking individual in that species will be eligible to compete. Contestant must let supt. know at the end of their show.
6. Contestants will bring the animal that they qualified with back in for the 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest for that specie. Other animals will be provided as they rotate from specie to specie.
  - 9:00 am – Show Arena - Begin showmanship contest
  - Show order: 1. Pigs 2. Sheep 3. Goats 4. Beef
7. In all four rotations, contestants will be asked questions and awarded points on how they answer, handle and present each respective species.
8. There will also be a written test with 50 questions that will be given prior to the contest and scored also.
9. The county winner is eligible to compete in the State Fair Elite Showmanship competition organized by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

## 4-H BONUS AUCTION

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 4:00 pm (Show Arena)

1. The auction is open to 4-H members (**not including Clover Kids**) exhibiting their animals at the Fair. **You must sign up to participate by 1pm on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Show Arena Office and list which animal you will take through the auction**
2. Eligible Exhibits include:
  - a. Beef- Bucket calf, Feeder calf, Breeding heifer, Market Beef
  - b. Swine – Market Gilt/Barrow
  - c. Sheep – Market Lamb
  - d. Goat – Market Goat
  - e. Rabbit – Champion Meat Rabbit only
  - f. Poultry – Champion Broiler only
3. The Sale order will be posted at the show ring by 1:00 pm on Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. An exhibitor is limited to only one animal. It is up to the exhibitor which animal you bring into the arena.
5. The 4-H'er must be present and bring their animal through the auction ring. Exceptions will only be granted for emergency situations, and then a substitute 4-H'er may be allowed to bring the animal through the auction ring, pending approval of the Bonus Auction Committee.
6. The 4-H'er should wear show attire or a collared shirt while going through the bonus auction. The animal should be clean and presentable.
7. The 4-H'er will be responsible for collecting the bonus money directly from the purchasing business or businesses. A "Certificate of Appreciation" will be provided to the 4-H'er to give to the business, and they must also deliver a hand-written "Thank you" note. A picture of the 4-H'er with their animal is suggested, but is not a requirement. Also, please talk to the business owner/manager and ask some questions and learn some things about their business. Collection of the funds and delivery of the "Certificate of Appreciation" and "Thank you" note should be completed within one month of the conclusion of the Fair. "Certificates of Appreciation" will be available shortly after the Bonus Auction is completed.

**Certificates must be picked up before you leave the Fair on Sunday.**