
GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

- A. Refer to General 4-H Rules at the beginning of the 4-H Section which apply to all youth.
- B. **OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS & POULTRY**- All animals and poultry in the 4-H Show must be owned by the exhibitor who entered it. Ownership of beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goats and rabbits must have certified where required on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office by June 15. In the case of dairy animals, some lease arrangements are acceptable, but must be certified on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office.
- C. **LIVESTOCK ID REQUIREMENTS**
- **MARKET BEEF**
Affidavit/ID Sheet, 840 USDA EID Tag, DNA sample for State Fair & submitted online via Show Stock Manager database & Premises ID
 - **BREEDING BEEF**
Affidavit/ID sheet, Tattoo (must be healed at time of entry), DNA sample for State Fair & submitted online via Show Stock Manager database & Premises ID
 - **COW/CALF**
Affidavit/ID sheet, Family Ear Tag and/or Tattoo-cow for calf and cow along with birth dates
 - **BUCKET CALF**
Affidavit/ID Sheet, Family or 4-H Ear Tag
 - **RETURN BUCKET CALF**
Affidavit/ID sheet, Family or 4-H Ear Tag-same ear tag from the previous year
 - **FEEDER CALF**
Affidavit/ID sheet, Family Ear Tag and/or Tattoo, 840 USDA EID tag or producer EID tag for State Fair, DNA sample for State Fair & submitted online via Show Stock Manager database & Premises ID
 - **MARKET SHEEP**
Affidavit/ID sheet, Scrapie tag (does & wethers), DNA sample for State Fair & submitted online via Show Stock Manager database
 - **BREEDING SHEEP**
Affidavit/ID sheet, Scrapie tag, DNA sample for State Fair & submitted online via Show Stock Manager database
 - **DAIRY GOAT**
Affidavit/ID sheet, animal markings, and Scrapie tag (does and wethers)
 - **MARKET GOAT**
Affidavit/ID sheet, Scrapie tag (does & wethers), DNA sample for State Fair & submitted online via Show Stock Manager database
 - **BREEDING GOAT**
Affidavit/ID sheet, Scrapie tag (does & wethers), DNA sample for State Fair & submitted online via Show Stock Manager database
 - **MARKET SWINE**
Affidavit/ID sheet, ear notches (universal ear notch system must be healed at time of entry), EID Tag and DNA sample for State Fair & submitted online via Show Stock Manager database & Premises ID
 - **DAIRY**
Affidavit/ID sheet, animal markings

- **HORSE**
Affidavit/ID sheet, markings
- **RABBIT**
Affidavit/ID sheet, must have eligible tattoo and healed at time of entry.

IDENTIFICATION DEADLINES

June 1 Horse

June 15 Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Breeding Ewes, Market Lambs, Market Swine, Cow-Calf, Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf, Return Bucket Calf, Goat, & Rabbit

D. **QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING (YQCA)** - Exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine must have completed this approved food animal quality assurance training program. Exhibitors must have received YQCA online or face-to-face training by June 15 of the current year. Program attendance or completion of a test is required. Copies of the actual certificate must be provided to the extension office.

Instructions on how to submit copies is found on the extension website:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/How%20to%20print%20YQCA%20certificates%20Dixon%20County.pdf>

E. **REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK**-A breeding animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association.

The registration certificate must show (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family or (3) the family or ranch name or parent's name. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 15th of the current year. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household.

F. **4-H DRESS CODE**-Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dairy goats, dogs, cats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached or a Dixon County 4-H T-shirt (no club names or special events). Blue jeans (no holes) are required for beef, dog, cat, sheep, swine, poultry, goats, and rabbit exhibitors. Dairy and dairy goat exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. Long jeans/pants are required for cat exhibitors. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring.

G. **FFA DRESS CODE**-FFA shirt and blue jeans (no holes). See 4-H dress code above for more details.

H. **FFA MEMBERSHIP**-Youth that belong to a Dixon County School District-FFA chapter and/or a 4-H member of the Dixon County program are eligible to exhibit at the Dixon County Fair.

I. **LIVESTOCK CHECK-IN**- Market Beef Weigh-In will begin at 4:00 PM and all other beef animals must be checked in from 5:00-6:00 PM on Friday, July 5, 2024. This means check-in with the show superintendent, not just being present on the fairgrounds. All Livestock Exhibitors will check-in entries between 5:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, July 5, 2024, with Livestock Superintendents inside the Livestock Show Arena. If you are not going to show your animal that you pre-register, you need to tell the superintendent before 6:00 PM on Friday, July 5, 2024. Those not checked in will not be able to show.

J. **GROOMING** - All beef, swine, sheep, and goats (showmanship, market, feeder and breeding) will be shown Blow & Go. Animals may be clipped, blown, brushed, or combed to enhance their appearance. All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.