

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*
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..