

ANIMAL RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL ANIMAL RULES and REGULATIONS: In addition to the following rules and regulations, livestock/animal exhibitors must abide by the General Rules and Regulations stated above. For more detailed information concerning the Dodge County 4-H Livestock & Horse Program, contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Dodge County (402-727-2775).

ANIMAL Pre-Entry:

All pre-entries are due at dodge.fairwire.com by Tuesday, July 15 at midnight to be eligible to exhibit at the 2024 Dodge County Fair. If the pre-entry deadline is missed, late entries will only be accepted contingent on space and pen/cage availability. Accommodation of late entries must be approved by Dodge County Extension Staff, who will coordinate with Show Superintendents and the Fair Manager. If a late entry is accepted, a \$20 fee (payable by check to the Dodge County Fair Board) per exhibit must be paid before the end of check-in to be able to show.

YOUTH for the QUALITY CARE of ANIMALS REQUIREMENTS:

Nebraska 4-H Program REQUIRES members (8 - 18 years old) exhibiting BEEF, BUCKET CALVES, DAIRY CATTLE, GOATS, HOGS, POULTRY, RABBITS, and SHEEP be certified ANNUALLY in YOUTH for the QUALITY CARE of ANIMALS (YQCA). This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H program and has been implemented into the Dodge County 4-H Program. Therefore, ALL youth exhibiting BEEF, BUCKET CALVES, DAIRY CATTLE, GOATS, HOGS, POULTRY, RABBITS, and SHEEP at the Dodge County Fair are required to be YQCA certified by JUNE 15 to be eligible to exhibit.

OWNERSHIP/IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS: All livestock [beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle, goats (dairy, meat), horses, hogs, rabbit, sheep] exhibited must be owned/identified by the 4-H member or FFA student in compliance with the Dodge County 4-H Ownership Guidelines and the certificates (ID sheets) must be submitted hard copy to the Dodge County Extension Office by June 15th. No animal may be exhibited in both breeding and market classes. No animal may be exhibited in 4-H or FFA in more than one county fair.

- MARKET BEEF: BY JUNE 15
- HORSES: BY JUNE 15
- BUCKET CALVES, DAIRY GOATS, DAIRY CATTLE, COW/ CALF PAIR: BY JUNE 15
- BREEDING BEEF, FEEDER CALVES: BY JUNE 15
- MEAT/MARKET GOATS, BREEDING MEAT GOATS: BY JUNE 15
- RABBITS: BY JUNE 15
- MARKET LAMBS, BREEDING SHEEP: BY JUNE 15
- MARKET HOGS, BREEDING GILTS: BY JUNE 15

PUREBRED LIVESTOCK: Exhibitors of purebred livestock must provide proof of registry including registration name and number to the department superintendent at time of check in. The registration certificate must indicate one of the following: (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.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: ALL animals must be in good health at the time of the fair. The fair officials will have owners remove animals which they consider not to be in good health, or to require the owners to provide a Health Certificate if determined necessary. All animals must be free from infectious or contagious diseases. The Department Superintendent or Official Fair Veterinarian may ask owners of animals deemed unhealthy, infectious or contagious to remove them from the grounds.

Beef	No health papers required.
Bucket Calves	No health papers required.
Cats	<u>CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION (SF262 - available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and presented at time of check-in. All cats and kittens entered are REQUIRED to be current on their Feline Vaccinations: Rabies, FPL, PVR, FCV, FeLV. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!</u>
Dairy Cattle.....	No health papers required.
Dogs	<u>CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION (SF263 - available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and presented at time of check-in. All dogs entered are REQUIRED to be current on their vaccinations: Rabies, Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Parovirus. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!</u> Dogs in season will not be allowed to show.
Ferrets.....	<u>CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION (SF262 - available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and presented at time of check-in. All ferrets entered are REQUIRED to be current on Rabies vaccination. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!</u>
Goats.....	No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below).
Hogs	No health papers required. However, all hogs must originate from a herd not under quarantine for Pseudorabies and be healthy and free of disease.
Horses.....	No health papers required.
Poultry	All poultry must be healthy and free of disease. Poultry exhibits may be observed by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for Avian Influenza (AI) sometime during the Dodge County Fair.
Rabbits.....	No health papers required.
Sheep.....	No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below).

SCRAPIE TAG (USDA BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRIES)

GUIDELINE: The USDA Bureau of Animal Industries has mandated a national program to eradicate scrapie in sheep flocks and goat herds.

- All sheep exhibited at the Dodge County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). All sheep are required to be tagged with proper identification by Dodge County Fair sheep check in. This applies to both market and breeding sheep, regardless of age.
- All goats exhibited at Dodge County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag) or Registration Tattoo (if the Association of the registration reports scrapie information to the USDA). All goats are required to be tagged with proper identification by Dodge County Fair goat check-in.
- For more information, go to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website located at:
<http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/animal/diseases/scrapie/index.html>

CARE OF EXHIBITS: All possible care will be used to prevent loss or injury to articles or animals or exhibitors. But it is expressly understood that the management of the fair will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur. Any animal deemed dangerous is subject to removal.

HERDSMANSHIP:

A. Time/Dates: Herdsmanship begins when the livestock are unloaded and ends Sunday, August 4.

B. Judging: Herdsmanship will be judged between 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily. Herdsmanship will be judged randomly twice daily. Herdsmanship will NOT be judged during that Department/Species show time, but each club/chapter should maintain their area to ensure a positive public image.

C. Responsibility: Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitors, not parents, advisors, or leaders.

D. Herdsmen On Duty: At least ONE exhibitor per club/chapter should be on duty per department (livestock area) between 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily. However, it should be understood that exhibitors/herdsmen are involved with other events during the fair.

E. Display of Animals: All animals shall be in their stalls or pens between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. unless weighing, washing, or showing. All pens and stalls should be clearly identified with exhibitor's name and club/chapter. Stall cards are provided to all exhibitors.

F. Cleaning Pens/ Stalls/Cages: Pens and stalls should be cleaned between 5:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Manure carts and wheelbarrows will not be allowed in barns at any other times.

G. Scores: Herdsmanship scores will be posted daily.

H. Divisions/Species: Divisions/Species to be scored/judged separately: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Bucket Calves, Goats, Market Hogs, Rabbits and Poultry

I. Ribbons / Ranking

- Purple: 90 - 100 points
- Blue: 80 - 89 points
- Red: 70 - 79 points

J. Premium Awards: The top THREE highest scores in each divisions/species will receive the following awards provided they received a purple ribbon (90 point average):

First = \$18.00 / Second = \$14.00 / Third = \$12.00

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE SHEET:

<u>CATEGORIES</u>	<u>MAXIMUM POINTS</u>
ANIMAL - GENERAL APPEARANCE.....	20 Points
• Animal(s) -- Clean & Groomed	
• Animal(s) -- Stalled/Penned/Caged Appropriate for Specie	
STALL/PEN/CAGE AREA	20 Points
• Bedding (shavings or Gentle Touch pellets) -- Clean & Adequate Amount	
• Water Container -- Clean & Adequate Amount (OPTIONAL, but must be clean)	
• Feed Container -- Clean & Adequate Amount (OPTIONAL, but must be clean)	
TACK/EXHIBITOR AREA	20 Points
• Tack Area -- Clean & Neat	
• Exhibitor/Gathering Area -- Clean & Neat	
• Tack & Equipment -- Stored in Orderly and Safe Manner	
AISLE	20 Points
• Aisle -- Clean / Orderly / Free of Debris	
• NOTE TO JUDGE: Mud/water caused by common watering area (water hydrant) is exempt from point deduction.	
HERDSMAN / EXHIBITOR.....	10 Points
• Herdsman/Exhibitor-Courteous (Subtract points if uncourteous.)	
• NOTE TO JUDGE: Herdsman/Exhibitor maybe unavailable due to involvement in other events.	
OTHER / ENHANCEMENT OF CLUB/CHAPTER AREA.....	10 Points

- Stall/Pen/Cage Exhibitor Cards -- Posted with Complete Information
- Equipment (i.e., fans, clippers, pitchforks, rakes, blocking chutes, etc.) -- Properly & Safely Used

TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS AWARDED..... 100 Points

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION:

- Exhibitors of ANIMALS that remain on the fairgrounds the duration or any portion of the fair are REQUIRED to complete and submit an ANIMAL PRE-ENTRY FORM online at dodge.fairwire.com by Monday, July 15.
- Stall/pen/cage assignments will be made by the superintendent of each department. All livestock exhibits are required to be on the fairgrounds according to the assigned times. For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair book or the "Dodge County Fair Schedule of Events".
- Upon arrival, exhibitors must check in with the department superintendent before unloading their animals.
- Livestock exhibitors are required to keep their pens/stalls/cages clean to the satisfaction of the department/division superintendent or forfeit their premiums.
- All pens/stalls/cages must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. each morning of the fair.
- Livestock exhibitors are required to feed and care for their animals regularly and arrange to remove the animals at the close of the fair. Exhibitors will make their own arrangements for all feed. For bedding guidelines, refer to "BEDDING" (listed below).
- If fans are used, they must pass inspection of the Fire Chief.
- No butt fans and no squirrel cage fans will be allowed for safety reasons in any of the livestock barns. All fans must be hung, preferred at the side of the animals with all fans blowing in the same direction.
- Livestock barns will be closed between 12:00 Midnight and 5:00 a.m. during the fair.

BEDDING:

- Bedding will be provided for all Beef, Dairy and Bucket Calf exhibitors as well as Poultry and Rabbit.
- A bedding fee will be assessed to Beef and Dairy exhibitors: \$6/animal entered (or \$6 per cow/calf pair) for the week of fair; \$3/animal for day of show animals (feeder calves, lactating dairy cows)
- Mail or bring fees (**cash or check only**) to the Nebraska Extension in Dodge County Office (1206 W 23rd St, Fremont, NE 68025) **before the first day of the fair. Make checks payable to "Dodge County Fair". Exhibitor packets will not be distributed until payment is received.**
- Clover Kids will NOT be assessed a bedding fee.
- **Families will be required to provide bedding as needed for SHEEP, SWINE, and GOATS to ensure animal comfort and cleanliness throughout the fair.**
- Straw will only be permitted for Cow/Calf pairs.

DRESS CODE for LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

- For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair reference for DRESS CODE.
- 4-H t-shirts, chevrons and armbands may be purchased at the Nebraska Extension Office in Fremont. They may also be purchased in the Exhibit Hall (4-H Office) during the fair.
- 4-H T-shirt or white shirt with a 4-H chevron and blue jeans are required for exhibitors in all contests, except for horse contestants. No caps or hats allowed, except for horse contestants. Shorts are not allowed to be worn by any exhibitor for any show or event. White pants may be worn by dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors.
- No show harnesses for livestock will be allowed in the show ring. All exhibitor numbers must be pinned to the exhibitor's back using safety pins. Horse exhibitor numbers shall be attached to the saddle pad.

SHOWMANSHIP: Exhibitors who made the entry are eligible to compete in showmanship with that animal. Members taking part in a showmanship class will be judged on their skill as showmen, and on the appearance their animal makes before the judges. The same animal shall **NOT** be exhibited in more than one showmanship division. In showmanship classes, a 4-H/FFA member can ONLY exhibit an animal that has been officially identified in their name AND that they have entered in the live show. Exhibitors may NOT exhibit some other exhibitor's animal in the showmanship competition.

SUBSTITUTION SHOWMAN: An animal must be shown by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Department Superintendent. Substitute showman must be a Dodge County 4-H or FFA member exhibiting at the fair.

GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK: Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the 4-H or FFA exhibitor; however, assistance may be provided by other 4-H or FFA exhibitors, immediate family members or another person acting in a mentoring and teaching capacity.

Grooming of Livestock – The Dodge County Fair Swine and Beef Show (including Showmanship, Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Feeder Calves and Bucket Calves) will be Blow and Go. Animals may be clipped, blown, brushed, or combed to enhance their appearance. Guidelines for the Blow & Go show:

- All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.
- Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. These products include but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Natural Hold, Ultra White Touch-Up, Black Touch Up, Black Finisher, black show foam, and baby powder.
- Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesives or glue qualities or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom, Pink Oil, white show foam, Freshen Up, Silk, and Sudden Impact.

Any animal found to have prohibited products applied (adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products) will be disqualified from competition. Any premiums (physical or monetary) will be forfeited.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP:

Rules and Regulations:

- The top two (2) senior showman from Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goats will be invited to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest provided each has been awarded a purple ribbon.
- If one of the top two (2) individuals in a species declines to show, the third-place (3rd) showman will be eligible to compete. Eligibility will not advance past third place.
- Show superintendents will select animals to be used for the contest and will provide each contestant with the appropriate equipment. Contestants may not use their own equipment for the competition.
- Contestants will be judged on their showmanship skill with each species (Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goat) as well as complete a written test of general knowledge questions.
- Contestants will show each species together and will rotate through the four species. Species order will be determined by the show superintendents.
- Scoring
 - Showmanship = 50 points per species (200 maximum points)
 - Written Test = 50 points
 - The written test will consist of an equal number of questions per species.
 - Total Points = 250 overall maximum points
 - In the event of a tie, the average showmanship score across all species out of 50 (ex. 37/50) will be the first tiebreaker and the written test score will be the second tiebreaker.
- Past Dodge County Fair Round Robin Champions are not eligible to compete in the County Round Robin Showmanship Contest:
 - 2019 – Kaden Gregory
 - 2020 – Anna Ready
 - 2021 – Isabella Ruda
 - 2022 – Olivia Buresh
 - 2023 – Meredith Ruda

IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior (4-H) as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition, the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors (4-H members) are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors (4-H'ers) are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violate drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the

time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatment involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.