

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. To be eligible for this show the exhibit must be the result of the 4-H member's or the FFA student's project since last state fair.
- B. Anyone trying to misrepresent project work will forfeit premium money and will be ineligible for any awards for that year. The fair board reserves the right to deem exhibits ineligible to show.
- C. 4-H club members must have been enrolled in 4HOnline and in a 4-H club (or as an independent) prior to the Enrollment Date (DEADLINE: JUNE 15 for all projects).
- D. FFA Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to exhibit:
1. Enrolled in high school located within Dodge County.
 2. Not older than 18 on Jan. 1 of the current year.
 3. Completing a project under supervision of the vocational agriculture instructor of the school.
- E. All animals must have been identified in the Dodge County Extension Office according to 4-H procedures **by June 15**. Call 402-727-2775 for a complete set of requirements.
- F. Exhibitors may show in 4-H and/or FFA but cannot use the same projects in both. No project may be shown in 4-H or FFA at another county fair.

ENTRY DEADLINES

ANIMAL ID is Due June 15 (See Pg. 8)

- A. **Shooting Sports Contest Entry** is due online at dodge.fairwire.com by midnight **July 15**.
- B. **Culinary Contest Entry** is due online at dodge.fairwire.com by midnight **July 15**. (Both members of team must submit forms with partner name)
- B2. **ATV Contest Entry** is due online at dodge.fairwire.com by midnight **July 15**.
- C. **4-H Clover Kid Animal Entry** is due online at dodge.fairwire.com by midnight **July 15**.
- D. **4-H Club Booth (static exhibits) Request** is due online at dodge.fairwire.com by midnight **July 15**.
- E. **Animal Pre-Entry (Individual - NO Family or Club Entries)** are due online at dodge.fairwire.com by midnight **July 15**.
- F. **Accommodation of late entries must be approved by Extension Staff, who will coordinate with Superintendents and the Fair Manager. If a late entry is accepted, a \$20 fee (payable by check to the Dodge County Fair Board) must be paid before the end of check-in to be able to show.**
- G. **Fashion Revue Contest Entry Forms** are due at Nebraska Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on July 18.
- H. **ALL other entries** (except those listed above) may be entered at dodge.fairwire.com by July 18 **OR** at the Dodge County Fair during the respective check in times and locations. Exhibitors are encouraged to pick up entry forms and all entry information at the Nebraska Extension Office in Dodge County or at <https://dodge.unl.edu/dcexhibitorguide>

ENTERING / EXHIBITING ENTRIES

ANIMAL EXHIBITS: For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair reference.

COPYRIGHT MATERIAL:

- i. Copyrighted writing, artwork, videos, and images may be used in 4-H educational exhibits under Fair Use for Educational Purposes of Copyright Law. In order to qualify for Fair Use, 4-H'ers must: 1) only use a small amount of the copy-written work, 2) add new meaning to the work to make it original, 3) rework it and use it in a totally different way, and 4) use it for nonprofit purposes (not to make money). Giving credit to the original creator is also recommended.
- ii. Posters are not accepted with copyrighted images.

ENTRY LIMIT:

- A) **Static Exhibits:** Exhibitors are limited to ONE entry per class in all Departments/Divisions. **EXCEPTION: Exhibitors are allowed 2 entries per class in the Woodworking Department/Division.**
- B) **4-H Clover Kids Entries:** See pgs. 17-18 for entry details.
- C) **Animal Entries:** For entry limitations, refer to the specific department/division information in this fair guide.
- D) ONLY entries mentioned in this fair guide may be exhibited.

E. **Static Exhibits:** ALL static exhibits MUST have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.

LABELING ENTRIES: All exhibitors of static exhibits must securely attach (sew or paste) their NAME and ADDRESS to EACH ARTICLE EXHIBITED.

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS: All static exhibits (Clover Kid; Communications & Expressive Arts; Consumer & Family Sciences; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Education & Earth Science; Healthy Lifestyles; Leadership & Citizenship; Agronomy; Science, Engineering & Technology Departments) displayed in the Exhibit Hall can be delivered between 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30 AND/OR between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31.

EXHIBITING ENTRIES: 4-H clubs will be provided a booth space. Each 4-H club is responsible for setting up and displaying their static exhibits. **Club Booth (static exhibits) Request Forms** are online at dodge.fairwire.com by **July 15**. For more information, refer to the 4-H Club Booths guidelines found in the "CONTEST" section in this exhibitor guide.

INTERVIEW JUDGING: 4-H members are encouraged to participate in

optional interview judging. Interview judging allows 4-H members to discuss their 4-H exhibits directly with the judge. This will give 4-H members the opportunity to discuss the process they took preparing their project. In addition, interview judging will give judges the opportunity to provide positive input and helpful suggestions to the 4-H member.

A. **REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING:**

- Department Superintendents are to be notified when a 4-H project is entered by a 4-H member intending to Interview Judge.
 - Entry cards of 4-H exhibits must designate Interview Judging Request by checking the "INTERVIEW" BOX at the upper right corner (above "Dodge County Fair") of the entry card.
- B. **TIME:** (Optional) Interview Judging / Wednesday, August 2 by appointment (Exhibit Hall)
- Exhibitors will make appointments (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) with superintendent at time of check in.
- C. **DEPARTMENTS/PROJECT AREAS INCLUDE:**
- Aerospace
 - Clothing
 - Foods & Nutrition
 - Home Environment
 - Photography
 - Woodworking
- D. Exhibitors are limited to ONE interview judging entry per department (project area).
- E. Interview Judging is **OPTIONAL**. Projects are not required to be interview judged. Therefore, no projects will be deducted a ribbon placing for not interview judging.
- F. **CULINARY CHALLENGE CONTEST INTERVIEW:** Exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to interview and make appointments with the superintendent at time of check-in/set-up on **Tuesday, July 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm or Wednesday, July 31, 7:30 - 9:00 am. Interviews will be scheduled on Wednesday, July 31 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Exhibit Hall. For more information, refer to the Culinary Challenge Contest guidelines found in the "CONTEST" section in this guide.**

CARE OF EXHIBITS: All possible care will be used to prevent loss or injury to articles, animals, and exhibitors. It is expressly understood that the management of the fair will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur.

Care of Animal Exhibits: Care of all animal exhibits is the full responsibility of the 4-H member and / or family. Should animals not be properly cared for (feed/water/clean daily) during the fair, the exhibitor is subject to revocation of fair premiums.

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS: Exhibits will be released on Sunday, August 4 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **NOTE: Fair management is NOT responsible for projects picked up after 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 4.**

STATE FAIR 4-H ENTRIES

- A. State Fair 4-H Premium Information is available on the web at: <http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook>. Exhibitors need to read and follow **ALL entry requirements**.
- B. Exhibits from the Exhibit Hall must be selected for State Fair by the Dodge County Fair Judges.
- C. Intermediate and Advanced Exhibits from Communications & Expressive Arts; Consumer & Family Sciences; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Education & Earth Science; Healthy Lifestyles; Leadership & Citizenship; Plant Science; Science, Engineering & Technology Departments where the 4-H member need not be present, may be entered in the State Fair by any age (8 - 18 years on Jan 1 of current year) 4-H member so long as the county fair judge considered the entry state fair quality, received a purple ribbon and has been selected to be exhibited at the State Fair.
- D. All 4-H members that are 10 - 18 years old on Jan 1 of current year will be eligible (as well as meet the required qualifications) to exhibit animals, give presentations or participate in contests, where the presence of the member is needed.
- E. 4-H ANIMAL ENTRY PROCESS: Nebraska State Fair 4-H animals will be entered through an on-line process done directly by the 4-H member/family. The on-line entry and fee deadline is August 10 by 8 p.m. Animal entries will NOT be done by the Nebraska Extension Office. Upon request, assistance will be provided by the Nebraska Extension Office in Fremont or at the 4-H Livestock Office during the Dodge County Fair.

TRANSPORTATION OF STATE FAIR (STATIC) EXHIBITS:

Static exhibits (perishable and nonperishable) must be brought to the Nebraska Extension Office (1206 W. 23rd Street, Fremont) on Monday, August 19 from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm OR Tuesday, August 20 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Exhibits will be available for pick up by September 6 in the Dodge County Extension Office.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

- A. In the event of eligibility of an animal, or article in any class, notice must be filed regarding the protest, with the superintendent of the department before the class is judged. The judge may be instructed to temporarily place the classes, so premiums (within the department) can be awarded. Protests will be referred to the Dodge County Fair Grievance Committee. The committee will consist of THREE Dodge County 4-H Council Members and TWO Dodge County Fair Board Members.
- C. Procedure:
- All protests must be submitted in writing with date, time, and signature, and accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00 (*The deposit will be forfeited if protest is not sustained.*)
 - The written protest should include:
 - 1) Name of persons involved
 - 2) Nature of concerns
 - 3) Situation description
 - 4) Desired action; and
 - 5) Persons to contact for further clarification.
- D. The written protest must be filed with the Secretary of the fair by 1 (one) hour after the last 4-H event of the fair.

PREMIUM PAYOUT CATEGORIES

NOTE: For Premium Payout Category information, refer to specific division information within the fair book.

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Purple	\$14	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$2.50	
Blue	\$12	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$2	
Red	\$10	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$1.50	
White	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1	
Clover Kid						\$1

	Rate of Gain	Booths	Herdsmanship
Champion (1 st)	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Res. Champ (2 nd)	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$14.00
Third	\$8.00		\$12.00
Fourth	\$7.00		
Fifth	\$6.00		
Sixth	\$5.00		
Seventh	\$4.00		
Eighth	\$3.00		
Ninth	\$2.00		
Tenth	\$1.00		
All Others		\$6.00	
Awarded by 4-H Council		\$50.00	

AWARDS

AWARD & PREMIUM DISTRIBUTION:

- A. **ALL premium awards will be paid by check. Checks will be mailed to exhibitors after the Dodge County Fair.**
- B. All awards and medals are made possible through donations by area businesses and individuals to the Dodge County 4-H Council Awards Committee Fund.
- C. Best of Show Awards for Static Exhibits Pick-up from 4-H Office in Exhibit Hall on Sunday, August 4 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- D. 4-H awards not picked up by 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 4 will be available at a later date at the Nebraska Extension Office in Dodge County.

AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION:

- A. All exhibits will be divided into groups according to merit.
PURPLE ribbons will denote SUPERIOR exhibits.
BLUE ribbons will denote EXCELLENT exhibits.
RED ribbons will denote GOOD exhibits.
WHITE ribbons will denote LESSER QUALITY exhibits.
- B. Each entry will show its own scale of awards under each class. Each exhibit/entry will be judged on the ribbon scale according to its division and class.
- C. Within the departments, each division/class will designate the premium payout category awarded.
- D. Equal quality of project/exhibit will be given the same ribbon and premium awards within its department/division/class.
- E. An exhibitor who is found to have tampered with or entered an exhibit that is not his or her work, will forfeit the premium ribbon and cash prize.
- F. Only purple ribbon winners are eligible to compete for championships.