

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Eligibility Requirements

- A. To be eligible for the Fremont 4-H Expo, participants must be eight to eighteen years old on January 1 of the current year. Participants in the Clover Kids Department must be five to seven years old on January 1 of the current year.
- B. 4-H Club members must have been enrolled in a 4-H Club (or as an individual) that has been organized prior to the deadline date set within their County 4-H program. The 4-H member must be enrolled in the 4-H project that they are exhibiting in a county listed in the Fremont 4-H Expo Premium book. 4-H members must refer to the rules and regulations set within their county 4-H program.
- C. Vocational Agricultural Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to exhibit;
 1. Enrolled in a high school located within the Fremont 4-H Fair counties; Burt, Butler, Colfax, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas-Sarpy, Saunders, Washington (Includes FFA Chapters in these counties.)
 2. Not older than eighteen years on January 1 of the current calendar year. Completing a project under supervision of the vocational agriculture instructor of the school.
 3. All animals must have been identified according to 4-H procedures. Students must refer to the rules and regulations set within their county 4-H program.
- D. To be eligible for this, the exhibit must be the result of the 4-H member's or the vocational agriculture student's project since last state fair.
- E. Exhibitors may show in 4-H OR FFA, but cannot use the same projects in both.
- F. The Fremont 4-H Expo Board, FFA Staff, and Extension staff encourage honesty and integrity in all exhibitors. The use of paint, dyes or other compounds that alter the overall appearance of animals is prohibited. The use of illegal mood or growth altering drugs is also prohibited. Any medication administered during the expo should be under the supervision of a veterinarian and notification made to show the superintendent. Violation of above rules may result in disqualification of animals or other disciplinary action.

Entry Deadlines

- A. 4-H CULINARY CONTEST pre-entries are due by July 1st.
- B. 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS & ARCHERY CONTEST pre-entries are due by July 1st.
- C. 4-H AMBASSADOR CONTEST: materials and applications are due by June 23rd.
- D. 4-H STATIC EXHIBITS (Citizenship & Civic Education, Clover Kids Exhibits, Communications & Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Science, Environmental Education/Earth Science, Healthy Lifestyles, Personal Development & Leadership, Plant Science, Science & Technology - Home Economics) will be entered at the Fremont 4-H Expo during Entry/Check-in Day—on Wednesday, July 12 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND/OR Thursday, July 13 from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
- E. 4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITS will be entered at the specified Check-in of the particular department/species. Refer to "Schedule of Events" and/or to the specific department/species information in this premium list.

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.

ENTRY LIMIT:

- A. **Static Exhibits:** Exhibitors are limited to ONE entry per class in each of the Citizenship & Civic Education, Communications & Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Sciences, Environmental Education & Earth Science, Healthy Lifestyles, Personal Development & Leadership, Plants, Science & Technology departments unless otherwise stated. For the entry limit of Clover Kids Exhibits, refer to CLOVER KIDS Department in this fair reference.
- B. **Animal Entries:** For entry limitations, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair reference.
- C. ONLY entries mentioned in the premium list will be given a place in the exhibits.

LABELING ENTRIES: All exhibitors of static exhibits must securely attach (sew or paste) their **NAME** and **ADDRESS** to **EACH ARTICLE EXHIBITED**. (More specific identification may be required for different project areas.)

ENTRY DAY FOR STATIC EXHIBITS: All STATIC exhibits (Citizenship & Civic Education, Clover buds Exhibits, Communications & Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Science, Environmental Education/Earth Science, Healthy Lifestyles, Personal Development & Leadership, Plant Science, Science & Technology Departments) are to be entered between 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12 AND between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13.

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

RELEASE OF STATIC EXHIBITS: Static Exhibits (within the Multi-purpose Building) will be released on Saturday, July 15 beginning at 4:00 p.m. All items MUST BE REMOVED by 5:00 p.m. Any items left at the fair will be taken back to your county's Extension Office. There will be NO EARLY RELEASES.

County 4-H Static Exhibit Booths

All entries will be exhibited in booth space assigned to each county. It will be the responsibility of each county to select a county booth chairman whose responsibility will be: Plan the arrangement of articles and oversee the placing of exhibits in the county booth after the articles have been judged.

Each county is responsible for their county 4-H static exhibits booth set up and taken down at the designated times. All articles must remain on display until released by the show superintendent.

Premiums and Awards

TROPHY & PREMIUM PAYMENT:

- A. Exhibitors of ANIMAL exhibits will be awarded ribbons. Premium money is only given to the Grand Champion in each division with the Gold Medal. Exclusions to this rule are in the Horse Show and Dog Show. ONLY the High Point Gold Medal winner will receive money in the Horse Show. In the Dog Show, ONLY the Showmanship Grand Champions will receive money.
- B. Exhibitors of STATIC exhibits will be awarded ribbons. ONLY Gold and Silver Medals will be awarded for each project area. ONLY Gold Medals will receive a \$10.00 cash premium. Medals and Cash Premiums will be given to participants by their Extension Educator/Staff from their county.
- C. NO additional Premiums will be awarded at the Fremont 4-H Expo.

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 section and class.
- C. Only purple ribbon entries are eligible to compete for medals/championships.

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, contact your county Extension office.

QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: Nebraska 4-H Program is REQUIRING members (8 - 18 years old) exhibiting BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, DAIRY CATTLE, BUCKET CALVES, RABBIT, POULTRY and/or GOATS be trained/tested in Quality Assurance (QA). This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H program. Therefore, ALL youth exhibiting BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, DAIRY CATTLE, BUCKET CALVES and/or GOATS at the Fremont 4-H Expo are required to be QA certified by June 15, 2023 to be eligible to exhibit.

OWNERSHIP/IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS: All livestock (beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, bucket calves, goats, rabbit) in the 4-H/FFA show must be owned/identified by the 4-H member or vocational agricultural student in compliance with their county's 4-H Ownership Guidelines and the certificates (id sheets) must be on file at their county's Extension Office by the deadline. No animal may be exhibited in both breeding and market classes. **ALL ID SHEETS WILL BE SEEN BY THE LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENT! Please bring your ID sheet with you, if you do not have it, you may not be allowed to show.**

PUREBRED LIVESTOCK:

- Purebred animals in all breeding classes must be registered according to breed requirements.
- Registration must carry the exhibitor's name as owner or be registered in partnership, in which case the family farm name is acceptable.
- The exhibitor must provide proof of registry including registration name and number to the department superintendent at time of check in.
- Commercial breeding heifers and commercial ewes need not be registered.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION:

- Stall/pen assignments will be made by the superintendent of each department. All livestock exhibits are required to be on the grounds (and removed from the grounds) according to the assigned times. For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department information in this expo premium list or the "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 clean to the satisfaction of the department superintendent, or forfeit their premiums.
- Livestock exhibitors are required to feed and care for their animals.
- If fans are used, they must pass inspection of the Fire Chief.

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 expo will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur. Any animal deemed dangerous is subject to removal.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: ALL animals must be in good health at the time of the expo. The expo 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 Expo 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.
Dairy Cattle.....	No health papers required.
Dogs.....	<u>CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION (SF 263 - available at the UNL 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. Dogs in season will not be allowed to show.</u>
Goats.....	No health papers required.
Horses.....	No health papers required.
Poultry.....	All poultry may be inspected.
Rabbits.....	No health papers required.
Sheep.....	No health papers required.

Swine..... No health papers required. However, swine must originate from a herd not under quarantine for pseudorabies.

MINIMUM DEPARTMENT SIZE FOR PROBATION: If fewer than ten animals are shown in a livestock department, that department will go on probation. If fewer than ten show the following year, the department will be dropped.

FEED & BEDDING: Exhibitors will make their own arrangements for all feeding and bedding.

RABBIT & POULTRY CAGES: Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors must provide their own cages.

HERDSMANSHIP: The Dodge County 4-H (Fremont 4-H Expo) Agricultural Society and Extension staff remind all animal exhibitors to keep their pens and stalls clean and presentable at all times. There are many spectators during the Fremont 4-H Expo and it is the responsibility of all exhibitors to maintain a positive image during the expo.

DRESS CODE for LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

- A. Exhibitors showing beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, bucket calves, goats, rabbit, poultry, and dog, are required to wear a white shirt or blouse with the 4-H Chevron attached, or a 4-H T-shirt or FFA T-shirt. Tank tops are NOT acceptable. All animal exhibitors are required to wear blue jeans. NOTE: White show attire is preferred for exhibitors of Dairy cattle and dairy goats.
- B. Exhibitors of beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goats, bucket calves, poultry, rabbits, and dogs shall NOT wear a hat or cap in the arena.
- C. Exhibitors not meeting the dress code will be penalized. Decision of penalty (severity) will be at the discretion of the department superintendent.
- D. All animal exhibitors should refer to the appropriate 4-H showmanship guide according to the animal/species exhibited. Contact your county's Extension Office for more information.
- E. Exhibitors of horses will wear a white shirt or blouse, blue jeans and a 4-H arm band. Refer to the "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" (4-H 373). This guide is available at your county's Extension Office.
- F. 4-H t-shirts, chevrons and armbands may be purchased at your county's Extension Office. FFA exhibitors are to wear an FFA T-shirt in place of 4-H as described above.

SHOWMANSHIP:

- A. Exhibitors who made the entry are eligible to compete in showmanship with that animal.
- B. Members taking part in this contest will be judged on their skill as showmen, and on the appearance their animal makes before the judges.
- C. Any animal may be shown in only ONE showmanship class.
- D. An animal used in a showmanship class must be the property of the exhibitor who entered it and must be a Fremont 4-H Expo exhibit.
- E. Refer to the specific Department for the showmanship age divisions.

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 due to serious illness, disability due to an injury (ID. Broken arm or broken leg), or has a conflict with other livestock classes in the Fremont 4-H Expo. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another exhibitor to show the additional animal in the class. Substitute showman must be a member exhibiting at the expo.

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 violative 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 individuals 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.