

# 4-H Sarpy County Fair

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS



At the Fair, we celebrate the successes of hundreds of youth who have learned and grown through 4-H. It is a prime opportunity for 4-Hers to cultivate skills they've learned in 4-H projects, put their life skills and good character to work, discover areas they'd like to learn more about, and meet other youth and adults.

### **General Information**

- The Board of Directors of the Sarpy County Agricultural Society reserve the absolute right to all matters of scheduling, use of the facilities or fairgrounds connected with The Sarpy County Fair.
- The Board of Directors of the Sarpy County Agricultural Society will use every reasonable precaution for the protection of persons, exhibits, livestock and other property, but will not be responsible for injury, loss or damage that may occur.
- Exhibitors are responsible for any damage caused by their exhibit.
- Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

### **Eligibility**

4-H is open to all youth between the ages 5 and 18 (4-H Age), regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or family status as determined by the following age criteria:

- 4-H age: The age of the youth **before** January 1 of the current year, 2024.  
If your birthday is on January 1, your 4-H age is the age you were on December 31st.
- 4-H eligibility is determined based on the 4-H age
- Participation in the 4-H Clover Kids program is 4-H ages 5 -7.
- Participation in the regular 4-H program is 4-H ages 8 - 18.
- Certain programs designed for children with special needs/disabilities may establish age limits outside of those stated above. This decision will be determined locally.
- All 4-H'ers exhibiting in the Sarpy County Fair must be currently enrolled in the Douglas-Sarpy 4-H program. Enrollment is available at [www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu](http://www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu) under Join 4-H. The 4-H year runs from October 1 through September 30.

- The deadline for youth memberships for those youth who are participating in the horse program is June 1, 2024.
- For all other youth enrollments, the deadline is June 15, to be eligible to exhibit at the county or state fair.
- If a 4-H member is chosen to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair in classes where the presence of the 4-H member is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, public speaking, presentations, and fashion show, the 4-H member must be 4-H age 8.

#### **Expectations of all 4-H Participants**

- All exhibits must be the work of the member entering the exhibit.
- All 4-H exhibitors shall conduct themselves with honesty, good sportsmanship and support all rules and regulations of the Douglas-Sarpy 4-H program.
- A “Thank You” is extended to firms donating special awards for encouragement and recognition of 4-H members. Any 4-H member receiving any special award is expected to send the donor a “Thank You.”
- Decisions of the judges are final.

#### **Expectations of all 4-H Volunteers, Parents and Spectators**

- All 4-H Volunteers, Parents and Spectators shall conduct themselves with honesty, integrity, and be supportive of all 4-H youth participants, judges, and 4-H Extension personnel.
- All enrolled Direct and Indirect 4-H Volunteers will abide by the 4-H Volunteer Code of Conduct. Violations of the Volunteer Code of Conduct is subject to disciplinary action or removal as a volunteer from the 4-H Program.
- Any violation(s) by volunteers, parents, or spectators is grounds for removal from the event. If warranted, removal from the Sarpy County Fairgrounds will be determined by a member(s) of the Sarpy County Agricultural Society.

### **Animal Entries**

See the appropriate animal section of the fairbook for additional rules and divisions. Also refer to the 4-H Livestock Guide on the following page.

**Animal ID/Affidavits and Sarpy County Fair Entry Forms can be found at this website:**

**Online Nomination Website:** [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com)

**Nebraska State Fair Entry Website:** <http://www.statefair.org>

### **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals**

- **Must be completed by June 15, 2024**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

As a reminder, the Quality Assurance covers the following species only: beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, and poultry – animals that we consume or animals that produce a consumable product for us. It does NOT cover cats, dogs, ferrets, horses, guinea pigs, hamsters, or other small companion type animals.

### **2024 Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Guide for Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy**

**Id/Affidavits and Sarpy County Fair Entries:** <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/sarpy-county-and-nebraska-state-fairs/>

**Online Nomination Website:** [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com)

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**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) ([New Link](#)) Due June 15, 2024**

**Please see specific Animal Exhibition requirements in the Livestock portion of the fairbook.**

<b>Animal</b>	<b>Sarpy County Fair Requirements</b>	<b>County Fair Due Dates</b>	<b>State Fair Requirements</b>	<b>State Fair Due Dates</b>
Horse	ID/Affidavit  Level Tests  Sarpy County Online Entry	June 1, 2024  July 1, 2024  July 15, 2024	ID/Affidavit Level Tests State Entry	June 1, 2023
Market Beef	ID/Affidavit County Only 4-H Tag or 4-H EID Tag  Sarpy County Online Entry	June 15, 2024    July 15, 2024	Online Nomination in Show Stock Manager EID tag DNA - \$7 State Fair Online Entry	June 15, 2024    Aug. 10, 2024

Breeding Heifers	ID/Affidavit Tattoo or EID  Sarpy County Online Entry	June 15, 2024  July 15, 2024	Online Nomination in Show Stock Manager & DNA submission \$7.00 Copy of Registration papers (if registered) Tattoo (Registered) Or EID (Commercial)  State Fair Online Entry	June 15, 2024  Aug. 10, 2024
Feeder Calves	ID/Affidavit 4-H EID Tag or County-Only Tag  Sarpy County Online Entry	June 15, 2024  July 15, 2024	Online Nomination EID Tag DNA submission \$7.00 State Fair Online Entry	June 15, 2024  Aug. 10, 2024
Bucket Calves 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	County-Only Tag  Sarpy County Online Entry	June 15, 2024  July 15, 2024	No Show	No Show
<b>Animal</b>	<b>Sarpy County Fair Requirements</b>	<b>County Fair Due Dates</b>	<b>State Fair Requirements</b>	<b>State Fair Due Dates</b>
Market Swine	ID/Affidavit EID or County-Only Tag  Sarpy County Online Entry	June 15, 2024  July 15, 2024	Online Nomination in Show Stock Manager EID Tag DNA - \$7.00  State Online Fair Entry	June 15, 2024  Aug. 10, 2024
Breeding Gilts	No Show		Online Nomination in Show Stock Manager – DNA Submission \$7.00 State Fair Online Entry	June 15, 2024  Aug. 10, 2024
Market Sheep	ID/Affidavit Scrapies Tag  Sarpy County Online Entry	June 15, 2024  July 15, 2024	Online Nomination in Show Stock Manager Scrapies Tag DNA - \$7.00  State Fair Online Entry	June 15, 2024  Aug. 10, 2024
Breeding Ewes	ID/Affidavit Scrapies Tag  Sarpy County Online Entry	June 15, 2024  July 15, 2024	Online Nomination in Show Stock Manager-DNA Submission \$7.00 Copy of Registration papers (if registered) Scrapies Tag  State Fair Online Entry	June 15, 2024  Aug. 10, 2024

Market Meat Goats	ID/Affidavit Scrapies Tag or USDA Herd ID Tag/Tattoo	June 15, 2024	Online Nomination in Show Stock Manager Scrapies Tag Only DNA - \$7.00	June 15, 2024
	Sarpy County Online Entry	July 15, 2024	State Fair Online Entry	Aug. 10, 2024
Breeding Meat Goats	ID/Affidavit Scrapies Tag or USDA Herd ID Tag/Tattoo	June 15, 2024	Online Nomination in Show Stock Manager DNA Submission \$7.00 Copy of Registration papers (if registered)	June 15, 2024
	Sarpy County Online Entry	July 15, 2024	Scrapies Tag Only State Fair Online Entry	Aug. 10, 2024
Pygmy/Angora/Fainting Goats	ID/Affidavit Scrapies Tag	June 15, 2024	No Show	No Show
	Sarpy County Online Entry	July 15, 2024		
Dairy Goat	ID/Affidavit Scrapies Tag or Tattoo	June 15, 2024	No Show	No Show
	Sarpy County Online Entry	July 15, 2024		
Poultry	Sarpy County Online Entry	July 15, 2024	No nomination required.	
			State Fair Online Entry	Aug. 10, 2024
Rabbit	ID/Affidavit Tattoo	June 15, 2024	ID/Affidavit Tattoo No nomination required.	
	Sarpy County Online Entry	July 15, 2024	State Fair Online Entry	Aug. 10, 2024
Cavy (Guinea Pig)	ID/Affidavit	June 15, 2024	No Show	No Show
	Sarpy County Online Entry	July 15, 2024		

### **Exhibit Entries**

- Entries will be entered, judged and displayed in the 4-H Exhibit Hall at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds in Springfield NE.
- All static exhibits must be entered on **Tuesday, July 30th** between the hours of **12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

- Please bring a completed 4-H Exhibit Hall Entry Form. This is available on the website [www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu](http://www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu) under County and State Fair or at either Extension office. From the entry form, a computer generated entry card will be made to accompany each exhibit. If you need help with the entry form, please contact any 4-H staff member before the fair at 402-444-7804. There will also be a help desk on entry day.
- Interview judging will be available from 12:30 - 7 p.m. on entry day.
- Please **PICK UP YOUR EXHIBITS** at the Sarpy County Fair **on Sunday, August 4th** from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Exhibits may also be picked up on **Monday, August 5th** between 9 a.m. and Noon. Exhibits will not be released early.
- There is no limit on the number of exhibits that a 4-H'er can enter in a single class. There is a limit on the amount of premium money per class. If four entries for the same class would be entered by a 4-H'er, all four would be judged, have a comment sheet and ribbon, but premium money would only be awarded for the highest ribbon. **ONE ENTRY PER CLASS, UP TO THREE CLASSES PER DIVISION, WILL RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY.**
- Unless otherwise stated, all static exhibits are premium level 5.
- **Classes numbered 900 or above are NOT eligible to be considered for the Nebraska State Fair.**
- On entry day, July 30th, the 4-H Exhibit Hall is open from Noon – 7:00 p.m. It will reopen on Wednesday, July 31st at 5:30 p.m. for public viewing.
- All 4-H exhibits are to be on display for the duration of the fair. Extension is not responsible for items that are broken, left or stolen at the fairgrounds.

#### **Awards and Premiums**

- Exhibits are judged against a standard and awarded a placing of purple (highest), blue, red or white. A green ribbon shows participation.
- Ribbon placings are based on a modified Danish System. The Danish system is used to divide the class. Then from the top group, a select few are designated for special recognition.
- Clover Kid entries are non-competitive and receive a special ribbon. Clover Kids do not receive any premium money. Clover Kid exhibits are not eligible for State Fair consideration.
- Ribbon placings:
  - **Purple** 100 – 95 points:  
The exhibit is outstanding. There should be no obvious flaws in workmanship.
  - **Blue** 94 – 85 points:  
The exhibit exceeds the minimum standards. It may have one or two areas that are not the very best they could be.
  - **Red** 84 – 75 points:  
The exhibit is average. It meets all minimum requirements, shows honest effort has been made. While there are visible signs of needed improvement, the skill level of the 4-H'er is improving.
  - **White** 74 points and lower:  
The exhibit does not meet the minimum standards. It DOES NOT mean that the exhibit isn't worthwhile. When a 4-H'er sees this ribbon on their exhibit, the first question to ask is "What have I learned and how can I make it better?"
  - **Green-** Given for participation in noncompetitive areas.

- All static exhibits must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to be considered for advancement to the Nebraska State Fair.
- 4-H exhibits/contests must receive a purple ribbon in order to be eligible for champion, reserve champion, judge's award of merit or other awards. It is the judge's discretion to award or not award champion, merit awards or other awards.

Premiums will be paid according to ribbon placing received and pay level for the class as indicated in each department. Any disqualified entry will not receive premium money. There is a limit to premium money. If you have more than one entry per class, the highest ribbon will receive premium money. PREMIUM AMOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### **Premium Pay Levels for 2024**

<b>Pay Level</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Green</b>
1	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$0
2	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$0
3	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$0
4	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1	\$0
5	\$3	\$2	\$1	\$.50	\$0

- Sarpy County Fair premiums are paid by check directly to the 4-H member. Premium checks will be distributed in early fall. Checks are to be cashed immediately after being received.

#### **Special Recognition Award**

Any 4-H static exhibit regardless of ribbon placing or state fair eligibility may receive a Special Recognition Award. This award consists of a ribbon attached to a certificate explaining what makes the awarded exhibit unique. Judges may use their discretion in choosing how many Special Recognition Awards to grant in each section. There is no premium money associated with this award.

#### **Judge's Award of Merit Rosettes**

This special award may be given to any purple ribbon static exhibit regardless of state fair eligibility. One award can be given per project area or division. In large areas with hundreds of exhibits, such as Home Environment, each judge will have a Judges Award of Merit Rosette to award. In areas that have limited entries, it will be the judge's discretion if any exhibit is eligible. There is no premium money associated with this award.

#### **4-H Council Grievance Committee**

- The respective superintendent or 4-H Extension Staff Person has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on rules stated in the 4-H Sarpy County Fair Rules and Regulations.
- All protests must be submitted in writing with date, time and signature. The written protest must be submitted before the conclusion of the county fair. All written protests should be submitted to a 4-H staff member and should include:
  - A. Names of persons involved
  - B. Nature of concerns
  - C. Situation description
  - D. Action or Rule in Question
  - E. Desired action
  - F. Persons to contact for further clarification
  - G. A description of any action or steps that have already been taken prior to submission of the protest.
- A \$25 non-refundable deposit must accompany the written protest, paid to Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Council.
- The protest committee appointed by the 4-H Council should consist of a non-department superintendent, a teen 4-H Council member, an adult 4-H Council member, and a designated extension staff person.
- The grievance committee may call for a face-to-face meeting with affected persons and event leadership to discuss the situation and official ruling.
- The grievance committee appointed by the 4-H Council will review the written protest. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
- In cases of protest the exhibitor may be allowed to show, but results of showing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
- The grievance committee reserves the right to withhold any award. The exhibitor may be excluded from the show if action warrants.
- Protests related to judge's integrity, decisions, placing or other evaluations will not be accepted.
- Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit or event/activity is completed/released.





## **Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Staff – 2024**

Brett Kreifels Extension Educator, 4-H Team Lead  
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## **Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Council – 2024**



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Kate Wagner	Jackson Luethje
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my **HEAD**  
to clearer thinking,

my **HEART**  
to greater loyalty,

my **HANDS**  
to larger service, and

my **HEALTH**  
to better living, for

my **Club**, my **Community**,  
my **Country**,  
and my **World**.