



75th Annual Norfolk Beef Expo

Open to the entire state of Nebraska

Date: **Sunday, September 8, 2024**
Place: Northeast Community College Chuck M. Pohlman Ag Complex, located at
2301 East Benjamin Avenue
Sponsor: Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business Council

More information can be found at www.norfolkareachamber.com (under the events tab)

4-H & FFA Show Rules and Regulations for the Norfolk Beef Expo

1. Any member of a Nebraska 4-H club or FFA chapter, who is at least 8 years of age and not older than 19 years of age as of January 1, 2024, is eligible to show.
2. A Breeding Heifer show will be held at the 2024 Norfolk Beef Expo. These heifers will be shown for prize money only. Breeding Heifers will not be a part of the premium auction.
3. Each exhibitor may enter two market (fed) calves. Entry forms may be obtained from your County University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension office, FFA adviser, and/or the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce office/website: norfolkareachamber.com/events/Beef_Expo. **A non-refundable entry fee of \$30 must accompany the entry form for each calf entered.** Entry forms **must be completed in full, signed** by the county Extension educator or FFA adviser, and sent to the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce office *postmarked* no later than **Friday, August 30, 2024**. Entries can be *hand delivered* to a Beef Expo committee member or at the Norfolk Area Chamber office at 609 W. Norfolk Avenue, no later than **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**.
4. Neither nose prints nor DNA samples are required to participate in the Norfolk Beef Expo.
5. Breeding Heifer Rules:
 - a. A Champion Breeding Heifer will be selected from the registered and commercial class winners.
 - b. Registered breeding heifers must present registration papers at check-in at the show.
 - c. Breeding heifer classes will include:
 - i. Senior Yearling Heifers – Calved August-December 2022
 - ii. Junior Yearling Heifers – Calved January-February 2023
 - iii. Spring Yearling Heifers – Calved March-April 2023
 - iv. Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved May-June 2023
 - v. Summer Yearling Heifers – Calved July-August 2023
 - vi. Fall Heifer Calves – Calved September-October 2023

- vii. Fall Heifer Calves – Calved November-December 2023
 - viii. Junior Breeding Heifer – Calved January – April 2024
 - ix. Heifer Calves – Calved May – June 2024
- d. If less than 3 registered heifers from one breed are present at the show, the heifers from this breed will show in an “all other breeds registered” class.
6. Exhibitors may elect to participate in the sale of their calves following the show. Only market calves that are shown are eligible for the premium auction and must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. at weigh-in. Grand and reserve champion steers and heifers are required to sell. This is a premium auction, with the sale of the actual animal made directly to Tyson Fresh Meats on a grade-and-yield basis. **The 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement needs to be completed for all animals to be sold. A parent or guardian must sign the form if the exhibitor is under 18 years old.**
 7. Exhibitors participating in the premium auction will receive a premium from the buyer. The premium will be on a per-head basis, not on a per-hundredweight basis. Exhibitors will be limited to one entry in the premium auction. Premiums will be sent out via mail by the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce after all auction monies have been collected.
 8. All market calves (including the grand and reserve champions) that are sold will be transported to Tyson Foods in Dakota City, NE, for harvest, with the dollar value determined by the yield-and-quality grade of the carcass. Carcass base prices will be posted at check-in. The Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce will mail disbursements to exhibitors upon receipt of the Tyson payment approximately three weeks after the show date.
 9. Exhibitors with two entries may sell their second entry to Tyson on the same grade-and-yield basis listed above, but that entry is not allowed to go through the premium auction.
 10. Substitutions of calves will not be allowed after 4pm on Friday, September 6, 2024. All substitutions must be faxed to the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce office at (402)371-0182.
 11. The NECC Ag Complex will open at noon on Saturday, September 7th. All calves must be checked in on **Saturday, September 7, 2024**, between **4pm & 6pm**. No calves will be allowed to check in after 6pm.
 12. Each exhibitor will furnish their own blocking chute and equipment and will be responsible for using them in the designated area announced at the time of the show. **No blocking chutes will be allowed in any alley or sales arena. No butt fans are allowed in the Ag Complex.**
 13. Market calves will be assigned divisions and classes by height. Show programs with classes listed will be posted and available the morning of the show. Show order will be tall heifers, short heifers; tall steers, medium steers, and short steers. The top two calves in each class will compete for division champions. Division champions will then compete for the grand champion and reserve grand champion steer and heifer titles. Judging will begin at **9am Sunday, September 8th**, beginning with the market heifers, followed by market steers, showmanship, and breeding heifers.
 14. Exhibitors must show his/her own calves except in cases of certified illness or having two calves in the same class, when a substitute showman will be allowed, provided that showman is an exhibitor of this show.
 15. Any calf displaying ill temperament or undesirable disposition may be dismissed from the show and sale at the discretion of the show officials.
 16. Only purple ribbon calves can be champions. Entry must be awarded a first or second purple

ribbon in a class to be eligible to compete for champion or reserve champion.

17. Grand and reserve champions selection will begin at approximately 1:30pm OR 30 minutes after the selection of the breeding heifer show on Sunday, depending on the number of show entries to be judged. The grand and reserve champion market steers and heifers are required to be sold and harvested. Animals selected as division champions and reserve champions cannot be withdrawn from the grand champion drive. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification and exhibitor may be barred from future participation at the Norfolk Beef Expo.
18. Showmanship contest is a fitted show.
19. Anyone caught with alcoholic beverages on the Ag Complex grounds will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
20. The Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce will not be responsible for any loss and/or injury. The rules are made for the benefit of all concerned.
21. **Grievance Rule:** Available to exhibitors to air their problems or concerns. The regulations are:
 - Grievance must be submitted in written form
 - Grievance must be filed within a half-hour after the last division champion is selected
 - Reason for grievance
 - How the situation will be proven
 - \$25 cash payment, and
 - Grievance must be signed

College scholarships available. High school juniors and seniors who exhibit at the Beef Expo are eligible for one of TWO \$1,000 scholarships from the Agri-Business Council. Applications are available on the Norfolk Area Chamber website: <https://norfolkareachamber.com/beef-expo/>, and will be available at the show.