

**2020  
Hamilton County  
4-H Premium Book**



**Hamilton County Fair: It's for Everyone!**

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Hamilton County Fairgrounds  
Aurora, Nebraska



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We are glad to provide you with this personal copy of the Hamilton County Fair 4-H premium book. The service you provide to the community as a youth program volunteer is greatly appreciated.

Special Thanks to the Aurora News-Register for publishing the information. We are grateful for your support!

#### 4-H DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS

Beef & Dairy Cattle.....	Austin Person
Swine.....	Duane Danielson
Sheep & Goats .....	Jarod Sullivan and Trevor Sullivan
Rabbit & Poultry, .....	Marcia Traudt and Troy Holloway
Cats, Dogs & Companion Animals.....	Halley VanDeWalle and Deana VanDeWalle
Horse.....	Mary Molliconi and Carrie Siebke Foods
Foods.....	Regina Farris
Clothing .....	Beth Andrews
Fashion Show.....	Jana Gibson, Assistant Supt. Jaime Pachta
Expressive Arts.....	Christi Aycock
Home Environment .....	TBA
Asst. Superintendent.....	Dixie Ziegler
Ag Eng., Crops, Horticulture .....	TBA
Clover Kids.....	Angie Wall
3-D Archery Target Competition.....	Merrick County Superintendents
Hunting Skills.....	Renee Ekhoﬀ
Archery Contest.....	Eric Breuer
BB Contest.....	Eric Breuer
22 Rifle Contest.....	Darren Graves
Pistol Smallbore Contest.....	Darren Graves

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### Schedule of Events

(Due to the COVID-19 Health Safety Measures, all dates/times are subject to change,  
Check [Hamilton.unl.edu](http://Hamilton.unl.edu) for most up-to-date schedule)

<b>Tuesday, April 28, 2020</b> 6:30 pm	Virtual Public Speaking Contest
<b>Thursday, June 18, 2020</b>	County FCS Day (Presentations, Favorite Foods, County Life Challenge Contest)
<b>Friday, July 10, 2020</b>	Pre-Fair-Entry Deadline
<b>TBA</b>	8:00 am Hunting Skills Contest (located in Merrick County)
<b>TBA</b>	9:00 am 3-D Outdoor Archery (located in Merrick County)
<b>TBA</b>	Muzzleloading Contest (location TBA)
<b>Monday, July 13, 2020</b>	Small Bore Rifle Pistol
<b>Sunday, July 19, 2020</b>	4-H Target Archery at 5pm with 4:30pm Check-In
<b>Monday July 20, 2020</b>	BB Gun at the Fairgrounds
<b>Saturday, July 25, 2020</b> 8:00 am	Pre-Fair Fairgrounds Clean Up, Set Up
<b>Monday, July 27, 2020</b> 9:00 am	All Sewing Projects Entry Day
	Clothing Construction / Fashion Show Judging
7:00 pm	Public Fashion Show
<b>Tuesday July 28, 2020</b> 9:00 am	Culinary Challenge
<b>Wednesday, July 29, 2020</b> 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	4-H Entries (Static Projects) Entry Day
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	4-H & FFA Sheep & Goats Weigh-In
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	4-H Poultry and Rabbits Check-In
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	4-H & FFA Swine Weigh-In
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4-H & FFA Beef Weigh-In
<b>Thursday July 30, 2020</b> 8:00 am- 5:00 pm	4-H Jr. Leaders Livestock Concessions Open
8:00 am	FFA & Open Class Judging
8:00 am	4-H & FFA Sheep Judging
9:00 am	4-H All Static Projects Interview Judging
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Goats Show
10:00 am	Open Class Poultry
11:00 am – 8:30 pm	4-H Food Stand Open
11:00 am	4-H Bake Sale Begins (4-H food stand)
11:00 am	4-H & FFA Poultry Show
1:00 pm	4-H & FFA Rabbit Show
4:30 pm-9:00 pm	4-H Exhibits open- Ag Auditorium
6:00 pm	4-H Awards Presentation
	4-H Decorated Cake Auction following Awards Ceremony (Open to Public Bidders)
<b>Friday July 31, 2020</b> 8:00 am- 5 pm	4-H Jr. Leaders Livestock Concessions Open
8:00 am	4-H & FFA Swine Show
8:00 am	4-H Dog Show in the Farr Building
9:00 am-9:00 pm	4-H Exhibits open- Ag Auditorium
1:00 pm	4-H Cat Show in the Ag Auditorium
To follow Cat Show	4-H Companion Animals Show in the Ag Auditorium
11:00 am – 8:30 pm	4-H Food Stand Open

1:00 pm	4-H Dairy Cattel and Dairy Goat Show
4:00 pm	4-H Llama Show
5:00 pm	4-H Food Stand Opens-Meal Deal (until supply runs out)

### Saturday, August 1, 2020

8:00 am- 5:00 pm	4-H Jr. Leaders Livestock Concessions Open
8:00 am	4-H & FFA Beef Show
9:00 am-9:00 pm	4-H Exhibits open- Ag Auditorium
11:00 am – 8:30 pm	4-H Food Stand open
2:00 pm	4-H Elite Showmanship Contest (Testing at 1:30 p.m. – meet at livestock office)
4:30 pm	4-H & FFA Livestock Premium Auction

### Sunday, August 2, 2020

7:30 am	Hamilton County Fair Exhibitor Breakfast in Farr Building
11:00 am – 3:30 pm	4-H Food Stand Open
Noon	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest
12:00 pm-3:00 pm	4-H Exhibits open- Ag Auditorium
3:00 pm-6:00 pm	***All entries released***

### Disclaimer

4-H exhibits at the Hamilton County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the 4-H member. Nebraska Extension in Hamilton County, 4-H Youth Development, in cooperation with the Hamilton County AG Society accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, The Hamilton County 4-H Council, in cooperation with the Hamilton County AG Society cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits.

4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair. While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the Hamilton County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS - An exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project they are exhibiting. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H by June 15 of the current year.
- Anyone who disrupts or damages any show, exhibit, or judging process may be removed from the grounds and not permitted to return.
- All exhibits competing for cash premiums shall be property of the exhibitor, and in livestock classes all animals shall have been the property of the exhibitor at least (90) days prior to the opening of the fair, OR in accordance with FFA & 4-H rules. If it be ascertained that any exhibitor has made or caused to be made, any false statement in regard to any animal or article exhibited or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performances of their duties by letter or otherwise, he shall be excluded from competition and exhibition for such period of time as the board of directors may determine and shall forfeit any premium already awarded him at this fair. In case the animal dies, or is injured so it cannot be exhibited by a proper showing, another may be substituted per 4-H Extension Educator pre-approval or FFA Advisor approval.
- Articles and animals must be on the grounds Wednesday before 9 pm and must be removed by Sunday, after the fair, by 6 pm, with area or stall cleaned, or premium may be withheld. Horses, dogs, cats and companion animals may have varying entry and removal procedures as set forth by the Board, see class instructions. No other articles or animals entered for exhibition will be allowed to be removed from the grounds before 3:00 p.m. Sunday, the last day of the fair. Premature removal without authorization forfeits premium.
- All entries will be made in strict compliance with the premium list and awards made in accordance therewith. Parties therefore must be careful to have stock and articles entered just as they want them.
- In case of dispute as the age of any animal, its certificate of registry will be required in evidence of the age, or otherwise, and its owner will also be required to file with the superintendent an affidavit that it is the identical animal thereon described.
- A party making an entry of registered stock of any kind shall furnish the department superintendent, when called for, authentic certified copy of pedigree of such stock, and failure to do so will render the exhibit ineligible. The superintendent may move it to a commercial class if available.
- For cattle, the association register will be considered standard authority. All stock entered for exhibition must be on the grounds Wednesday before 9 pm.

- No person shall be allowed to see the entries or have access to the entry books until after the entries have closed, and judging completed.
- The Hamilton County 4-H program will recognize 4-H members and volunteers of the 4-H program in which they are enrolled in irrespective of their place of residence. A member cannot enroll in the same 4-H project area in more than one county or state in the same year. With the exception of shooting sports, if a discipline is not provided in one county then the youth may enroll in multiple counties. To enter 4-H or FFA classes the exhibitor must be enrolled in a Hamilton County 4-H project or club or a member of Hamilton County FFA chapter. A youth who is a member of 4-H and FFA may show in the same curriculum area but must use different projects. For example, may show livestock but must use different animals; may enter static exhibit but must be two entries.
- If you need further information on a contest, contact the Extension Office.
- To each premium number there must be two or more exhibitors to constitute competition. When there is no competition, the exhibits, if worthy, will be awarded first, second, third or fourth place awards as merit warrants. Regarding an award in case of no competition the judge is to decide whether or not they are worthy.
- 4-H entries shall be entered either in the Ag Building or the Livestock Office Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm and entries will close at 9 pm on the same day. FFA and Industrial Arts entries shall be entered in the Mather Building Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm and entries will close at 9 pm on the same day.
- The management reserves the right to reject unworthy exhibits of any kind by refusing space, stalls, pens or admission to the grounds. No disorderly conduct of any kind will be permitted.

#### **Open Class Invitation**

4-H clubs, sororities and other organizations within the county will be awarded a \$15.00 premium if 80 percent or more of their member's exhibit in open class. Entrants must list their organization affiliation on each entry tag.

#### **Judging**

No judges will be permitted to serve in a class in which he/she may be competing for a premium or have an ownership of any animal or article entered in such class.

No judge shall award a premium which they have reason to believe is not what it is represented to be as it appears from the entry book or representation of the exhibitor, but shall report same to superintendent of the department. He/she shall award first premium only when the animal or article has high merit in its class.

All animals must be exhibited at such time and place as the superintendent of the class may direct. The judge will be instructed not to wait for more than 10 minutes after the final call.

Awards will be made by expert judge or committee of judges whose decision shall be by ballot and without consultation. Two of the committee shall agree before an award can be made.

When an exhibit or animal is shown in a class in which it does not belong, the superintendent shall so declare and will dismiss the exhibit or animal from the judging, stating the reasons therefore.

Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may, by the discretion of the superintendent, be transferred to their proper class prior to judging.

#### **Superintendents**

Each superintendent will be in their department at entry time to receive all articles belonging to their department and see that they are arranged in proper places of exhibition. They must be at their respective departments during the fair and see that due care and precautions are used and that all visitors are properly advised and entertained.

Superintendents of stock must notify the exhibitor of stock in regard to bringing the different classes into the show ring.

Superintendents shall in no way influence the judge's decisions.

Superintendents must turn in judging and award books at the completion of judging.

#### **4-H POLICY COMMITTEE**

The 4-H Council interprets policy in Hamilton County. The division superintendents will make decisions according to the fair book. Written protests of these decisions will be addressed by the 4-H Council in accordance with the outlined procedures below.

#### **PROTESTS**

A. The respective division superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the 4-H Premium Book, and these will be adhered to by all.

B. Written and signed protests are to be presented to the appropriate superintendent. Upon receipt of the protest, the superintendent shall meet with at least two other superintendents and with an Extension Educator as an advisor of policy. This committee of superintendents will decide the issue.

C. The written protest must include:

1. Names of persons involved
2. Nature of concerns
3. Situation and documentation
4. Recommendations for correction
5. Specific action, rule, etc. in question
6. Additional people committee may contact for further clarification.
7. Procedures and/or step carried out by person involved prior to submission to the superintendent.

D. The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show officials to include County Fair management if appropriate prior to making a final decision. The committee will recommend appropriate action to management in writing. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.

E. 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. This allows for smooth operation of the show and facilitates appropriate processing.

F. The management reserves the right to withhold premium and/or award. The exhibitor may also be excluded from the show if action warrants.

G. Protests concerning 4-H policy, animal, and youth eligibility can be protested further to the 4-H Council if the affected parties are not satisfied with the committee decision. Interpretation of show rules should not be brought to the Council. 4-H Council decisions are final.

H. Protests will not be accepted after the exhibits are released from the 4-H division. In the case of a live contest or competition, protests will not be accepted after 8:00 pm on the day of the contest or competition.

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## **GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES FOR THE 4-H DIVISION**

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### **ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

**Only static exhibits receiving a Purple Ribbon in county competition are eligible to advance to the Nebraska State Fair. Classes that are listed as a "900" number are not eligible to advance to state fair, regardless of ribbon placement.**

### **PREMIUM AWARDS**

Purple ribbons will denote superior exhibits. Blue awards denote excellent exhibits. Red awards denote good exhibits and white awards denote fair exhibits. Equal prizes will be given the same colored awards under the same entry number. The judge will designate the outstanding exhibits selected to be represented at the Nebraska State Fair.

To be eligible to receive premiums a member must be regularly enrolled. The project involved with the 4-H exhibit must be completed. Evidence of completed project will be the completion of the 4-H Record Book. This record is to be completed and presented to the club leader or the County Extension Office by published due date. Premium monies are awarded at Achievement Night.

### **Premier 4-H Science Award**

**Objective:** Recognize 4-H youth static exhibits incorporating or demonstrating concepts from the areas of 4-H Science (science, technology, engineering, or applied math) at the Nebraska State Fair. Exhibits in all curriculum areas will be considered for the award.

**Curriculum Areas Targeted:** Animal Science, Communications/Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Sciences, Environmental Education and Earth Science, Healthy Lifestyles, Leadership & Citizenship, Plant Sciences, Science Engineering & Technology (SET).

**Exhibit Entry: Youth will identify one exhibit to be considered for the Premier 4-H Science Award.** The Premier 4-H Science Award Application must be submitted along with a photograph of the exhibit to the County Extension Office by the county's entry deadline. The photograph will not be used for judging, only to locate it at the State Fair should we need additional information. The Extension Office will enter exhibit into its original State Fair class and the Premier 4-H Science Award class (H101-001). **Only one exhibit per youth will be eligible for the Premier 4-H Science Award.**