

## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION -- FFA

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### GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Any FFA member living in the county or outside the county who is a member of a Knox County FFA Chapter is eligible to show at the fair.
2. All exhibitors showing livestock must wear official FFA T-shirts, with the exception of horse exhibitors who may wear white shirts.
3. All animals, crops, farm mechanics and miscellaneous projects must be a part of the student's Supervised Agriculture Experience Program or Ag. Ed. Class. All livestock and crops must be owned, at least in part, by the exhibitor no later than June 15th.
5. Animals in each class will be placed on the Danish system: purple, blue, red and white ribbon group basis. Two animals in each class will be placed on a 1-2 basis and will compete for champion if deemed worthy by the judge.
6. All farm mechanics entries will be placed on the Danish system: purple, blue, red and white ribbon group basis. The judge may designate two entries in each of the farm mechanics areas as top entries. From the designated top entries the judge will raise one on to Grand Champion and one to Reserve Champion over all Farm Mechanics entries.
7. All crops will be placed on the Danish system: purple, blue, red and white ribbon group basis.
8. Judging contest results will recognize individuals with the Danish system.
9. Display board will be placed on the Danish system: purple, blue, red and white ribbon group basis; however, this group is not eligible for championship farm mechanics title.
10. Individuals eligible for showmanship are only those who have animals exhibited. **All beef, swine, sheep and dairy exhibitors must enter the showmanship contest or forfeit all premium money earned (the only exception is horse).**
11. Special awards as granted by various business concerns will be verified by the FFA superintendents.
12. **Exhibitors must pre-register** their entries through their FFA Advisor.
13. All FFA entries must be in place by stated entry time for the fair, unless stated differently for a particular enterprise (majority of entries need to be in place by noon on Thursday).
14. Only healthy animals may be exhibited. No large animals may be unloaded unless first inspected by a vet.
15. Exhibitor pens must be cleaned by 12:00 noon on the Monday immediately following the fair or premium money will be forfeited.
16. Rules may be changed if necessary by a conference of the FFA Superintendents.

### SHOWMANSHIP

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will receive trophies. The Danish system will be used for all other exhibitors. Premiums will be the same value as ribbons from the respectful enterprises.

## SWINE

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$6.00; Blue, \$4.50; Red, \$3.00; White, \$2.00

To be eligible to compete in any bonanza or other special additional competition at the fair, the animal must weigh 230-320 lb and receive a purple ribbon in the FFA division.

**Lot 010** -- Swine Showmanship. See showmanship section for award guidelines. Also see Rule 10, General regulations.

### Market Swine

Market swine, either gilt or barrow, must be farrowed on or after January 1 of the current year. These need not be purebred.

Limit of four animals to be shown individually per student, regardless of weight.

**Lot 020-- Market Barrows**

**Lot 030 -- Market Gilts**

**Lot 035 -- Breeding Gilts**

The FFA exhibitor is eligible to exhibit one gilt in the Breeding Swine class, (with a maximum of 4 entries total in the swine). The breeding gilt must be born after January 1 of the current year and be identified with ear notches in both ears. No weight limits apply. All breeds will be shown together, but could be split by weights. The gilt should be identified on the official ownership affidavit and is due to the FFA advisor for submission to the state office by June 15. Breeding swine are not eligible for the Rate-of-Gain Contest.

Grand Champion trophy and rosette awarded top animals; Reserve Champion rosette awarded 2nd place animals.

### Champion Swine Producer

**Lot 040**--Individuals showing swine are automatically eligible for competition. Judging for this award will be based on a point system: 4 points for purple ribbons; 3 points for blue ribbons; 2 points for red ribbons, and 1 point for white ribbons. Additional 2 points will be given for the Grand Champion ribbon and 1 point for the Reserve Champion ribbon. Ribbons for lots 010-035 will be counted. Grand Champion rosette and trophy will go to the top individual and Reserve Champion rosette to the second high individual.

## BEEF -- Market and Breeding

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$10.00; Blue, \$8.00; Red, \$6.00; White, \$4.00.

**Lot 100--Beef Showmanship.** See showmanship section for award guidelines. Also see Rule 10, General regulations.

### Market Beef

A student is limited to two animals to be shown in the market beef division, regardless of weight, sex and breed.

A market beef animal may have the two center temporary incisor teeth replaced by permanent incisors. The remaining six temporary incisors must be in place and there may be no evidence of eruption of any permanent incisor other than the centers.

**Lot 110-- Market Steers**

**Lot 120-- Market Heifers**

Weight divisions will be established after weighing.

Grand Champion Trophy and rosette awarded top market beef; Reserve Champion rosette awarded 2nd place individual. Market Beef may be sold through the carcass contest if the student so desires.

### Breeding Beef

Limit of 3 animals, no more than 2 in any class, to be shown per exhibitor. Birth dates are required on all Breeding Beef animals.

*Lots 133 and 136 are required to be at the fair only the day of the show.*

**Lot 130--Breeding Heifers** (6 months to calving);

**Lot 133--Cow-Calf Pair** (after first calf. Calf must accompany cow when presented in ring. Calf can only be shown again as a stocker feeder calf);

**Lot 136--Bulls** (6 months and older). Bulls shown will be broken into similar age classes as

described earlier--yearling, two year old and aged bulls.

Grand Champion Trophy and rosette awarded top breeding animal in each lot; Reserve Champion rosette awarded 2nd place breeding animal.

### **BEEF -- Stocker Feeders**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$8.00; Blue, \$6.00; Red, \$4.00; White, \$2.00/

Stocker Feeders must be identified to purpose: Market or Breeding. This should be specified on the registration form.

*Animals in Lots 140-147 are required to be on the fairgrounds only on the day of the show.*

Limit of 3 animals, no more than 2 in any class, to be shown per exhibitor. Birth dates are required on all Stocker Feeder animals.

**Lot 140--Stocker Feeder Bull Calf** (born January 1 – May 31 current year)

**Lot 143--Stocker Feeder Steer Calf** (born January 1 – May 31 current year)

**Lot 145--Stocker Feeder Market Heifer Calf** (born January 1 – May 31 current year)

**Lot 147--Stocker Feeder Breeding Heifer Calf** (born January 1 – May 31 current year)

Grand Champion Trophy and rosette awarded top stocker feeder animal; Reserve Champion rosette awarded 2nd place stocker feeder animal.

### **BEEF – Feeder Market Calves**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$8.00; Blue, \$6.00; Red, \$4.00; White, \$2.00/

*Animals in Lots 150-157 are required to be on the fairgrounds only on the day of the show.*

Limit of 3 animals, no more than 2 in any class, to be shown per exhibitor. Birth dates are required on all feeder market animals. Feeder Market animals need to be weaned prior to July 1.

Grand Champion trophy awarded to top feeder animal; Reserve Champion rosette awarded 2nd place feeder animal.

### **Bucket Calves**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$6.00; Blue, \$4.50; Red, \$3.00; White, \$2.00

Limit of 2 animals per exhibitor. The bucket calf (heifer, steer, bull) must be born anytime from March 1-May 31 of the current year, and be under the care of the FFA member from weaning until the fair. The calf may be any percent dairy or beef animal.

**Lot 158-- Bucket Calf**

### **Champion Beef Producer**

**Lot 160--Champion Beef Producer.** Individuals showing in two of the three divisions (market, breeding, or stocker feeder) are automatically eligible for competition. Judging for this award will be based on a point system: 4 points for purple ribbons; 3 points for blue, 2 points for red, and 1 point for white. Additional 2 points will be given for Grand Champion ribbons and 1 point for Reserve Champion ribbons. Ribbons for Lots 100-158 will be counted.

Trophy given to go to the top individual and Reserve Champion rosette to the second high individual.

### **DAIRY CATTLE**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$10.00; Blue, \$8.00; Red, \$6.00; White, \$4.00.

An FFA exhibitor is limited to showing 3 animals with no more than 2 in any class.

**Lot 200--Dairy Showmanship.** See showmanship section for award guidelines. Also see Rule 10, General regulations.

Dairy animals will be shown according to breed as indicated below:

**Lot 210-219 --Ayrshire, Lot 220-229--Brown Swiss, Lot 230-239--Guernsey,**

**Lot 240-249--Holstein, Lot 250-259--Jersey, Lot 260-269--Milking Shorthorn**

The third digit of each lot number will designate the age breaks of the animals which will be as follows:

- Sublot 1 --Junior Calf: Born 3-1-15 to 4-30-15
- Sublot 2 --Intermediate Calf: Born 12-1-14 to 2-28-15
- Sublot 3 --Senior Calf: Born 9-1-14 to 11-30-14
- Sublot 4 --Junior Yearling: Born 3-1-14 to 8-31-14
- Sublot 5 --Senior Yearling: Born 9-1-13 to 2-28-14
- Sublot 6 --2 year old: Born 9-1-12 to 8-31-13
- Sublot 7 --3 year old: Born 9-1-11 to 8-31-12
- Sublot 8 --4 year old: Born 9-1-10 to 8-31-11
- Sublot 9 --5 year old: Born prior to 9-1-10

**Lot 270--Dairy Herd:** Dairy herd exhibitors in the dairy herd class will enter and show three animals. At least one of the three must be a cow that has freshened and completed one lactation; at least one animal must qualify as bred by exhibitor; and all three must be of the same breed. Dairy herds may be either registered or grade. A mixed herd is considered as a grade herd.

A record book or DHIA sheet showing milk and butterfat production on producing cow or cows must be available and will be considered in the placing of the dairy herd.

Premiums--Danish ribbon placing--purple, blue, red, white. A dollar premium will also be paid by a dairy herd; \$4.00-Purple; \$3.00-Blue; \$2.00-Red; \$1.00-White.

#### **Champion Dairy Producer**

**Lot 280--**Individuals showing the limit of two dairy animals are automatically eligible for competition. Judging for this award will be based on a point system: 4 points for purple ribbons, 3 points for blue ribbons, 2 points for red ribbons, and 1 point for white ribbons. Additional 2 points will be given for Grand Champion ribbons and 1 point for reserve champion ribbons. Ribbons from lots 200-270 will be counted. Trophy given to go to the top individual and Reserve Champion rosette to the second high individual.

#### **GOATS**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$6.00; Blue, \$4.50; Red, \$3.00; White, \$2.00.

**Lot 290--Dairy Goat Showmanship--**See Showmanship Section.

**Lot 295--Dairy Goats** See 4-H Guidelines

**Lot 297--Meat Goats** Minimum weight is 50 lbs upon check in. (Same as 4-H Rules)

#### **SHEEP**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$6.00; Blue, \$4.50; Red, \$3.00; White, \$2.00.

**Lot 300--Sheep Showmanship.** See showmanship section for award guidelines. Also see Rule 10, General regulations.

#### **Market Lamb**

Limit of 3 market lambs per exhibitor.

**Lot 310--Market Lamb**

Weight breaks will be determined after weigh-in. Minimum weight 100lbs at weigh in (same as 4-H Rules)

Grand Champion Trophy and rosette awarded top market animal; Reserve Champion rosette awarded 2nd place market animal.

#### **Breeding Sheep**

**Lot 320--Rams**, any age **Lot 330--Ewes**, any age Limit of 3 animals, no more than 2 in any class, to be shown per exhibitor. Grand Champion trophy and rosette awarded top breeding animals; Reserve Champion trophy and rosette awarded 2nd place breeding animal.

#### **Champion Sheep Producer**

**Lot 340--Champion Sheep Producer.** Individuals showing both breeding and market sheep are automatically eligible for competition. Judging for this award will be based on a point system: 4 points for purple ribbons, 3 points for blue ribbons, 2 points for red ribbons, and 1 point for white ribbons. Additional 2 points will be given for Grand Champion ribbons and 1 point for reserve champion ribbons. Ribbons from lots 300-330 will be counted. Trophy given to the top individual and Reserve Champion rosette to the

second high individual.

### **POULTRY**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$2.00; Blue, \$1.50; Red, \$1.00; White, \$.50

Limit 8 chicken entries, 4 duck entries, 4 geese entries, 4 turkey entries

**Lot 400--Poultry Showmanship** See showmanship section for award guidelines. Also see Rule 10, General regulations.

#### **Large Fowl**

**Lot 410--Cockerel**

**Lot 411--Pullet**

**Lot 413--Broilers**

#### **Bantam**

**Lot 414--Cockerel**

**Lot 415--Pullet**

**Lot 416--Trio** (one cockerel and two pullets; birds entered as single entries are not eligible for trio entries).

**Lot 417--Broilers**

**Lot 420--Young Tom Turkey**

**Lot 424--Young Hen Turkey**

**Lot 428--Young Turkey Pen** (one tom and two hens; birds entered as single entries are not eligible for pen entry).

**Lot 430--Old Tom Turkey**

**Lot 434--Old Hen Turkey** (limit of one per student if pen is exhibited; if no pen, then limit of two per student);

**Lot 438--Old Turkey Pen** (one tom and two hens; birds entered as single entries are not eligible for pen entry).

**Lot 440--Young Gander or Young Drake**

**Lot 450--Young Goose or Young Duck**

Overall Grand Champion and Reserve champion trophy will be awarded to the top individuals in the poultry division excluding trio and pens.

### **SMALL ANIMALS**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$3.00; Blue, \$2.25; Red, \$1.50

**Lot 460-** Rabbit Showmanship

**Lot 465-**Rabbit Exhibits (limit of 8 rabbits per exhibitor)

Split into classes by size: Jr. Doe, Jr. Buck, Intermediate Doe, Intermediate Buck, Sr. Buck, and Sr. Doe.

**Lots 470 to 499-** Other small animals (limit of 6)

Cat Exhibits - limit of 2 cats. Must meet 4-H health guidelines.

Dog Exhibits - limit of 2 dogs. Must meet 4-H health guidelines.

### **JUDGING CONTEST**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$2.00; Blue, \$1.50; Red, \$1.00

**Lot 510--Livestock Judging** (Top 3 Places receive trophies)

### **CROPS**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$2.50; Blue, \$1.75; Red, \$1.00, White, \$.50

**Limit of 10 crops per exhibitor.**

Exhibitors entering multiple samples of the same crop MUST show different varieties. Failure to do so will result in only one sample being placed and premiums paid on that sample only.

Exhibitor must be able to furnish information concerning variety, breeder, planting date, soil type, fertilization, harvest date, yield and test information, dryland or irrigated, plant population, hybrid cross, maturity, and approximate rainfall or water total if irrigated. This information should be entered on the back of the crop exhibit card.

**Lot 600 - All crops**

**Corn, last year's crop** (10 ears or 1 quart shelled);

**Corn this year's crop** (five best plants with stalks and roots. dirt is to be washed from root completely).

**Small grain, this year's crop** (one quart). Includes:

**Oats, Wheat, Barley, and Rye**

**Sorghum, last year's crop** (one quart);

**Sorghum, this year's crop** (5 plants, roots removed).

**Soybean, last year's crop** (one quart);

**Soybean, this year's crop** (6 best plants, roots removed).

**Alfalfa, last year's crop** (seed only, one quart);

**Alfalfa, this year's crop** (6 inch diameter bundle, any cutting).

**Grass seed, most recent crop** (one quart)

**Prairie Hay or other grass** (6 inch diameter bundle);

**Forage Silage** (6 stalks, roots removed).

**Champion Field Crop Producer**

**Lot 650-- Champion Field Crop Producer.** Individuals exhibiting field crops are eligible for this award. The Grand Champion Trophy and rosette and the Reserve Champion rosette will be given the individuals with the highest and second highest total points accumulated in Lots 600. Points are allotted on the following basis: 4 points for purple, 3 points for blue, 2 points for red, and 1 point for white ribbons.

**HORTICULTURE**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$2.00; Blue, \$1.50, Red, \$1.00, White, \$.50

**Lot 660--Vegetables**, all types. (Limit 10 per exhibitor) Description of exhibit display is covered in 4-H vegetable manual. See index or FFA Advisor for the material.

**Lot 670—Flowers** (Limit 5 per exhibitor) See 4-H Guidelines.

**Lot 680--Ornamental Plants** (Limit 5 per exhibitor) See 4-H Guidelines.

**Lot 690- Herbs** (Limit 5 per exhibitor) See 4-H Guidelines.

**Champion Horticulture Producer**

**Lot 690--Champion Horticulture Producer.** Individuals exhibiting horticultural crops are eligible for this award. The Grand Champion Trophy and rosette and the Reserve Champion rosette will be given to the first and second highest total point earners accumulated in Lots 660-680. Points are allotted on the following basis: 4 points for purple, 3 points for blue, 2 points for red, and 1 point for white.

**AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS**

Maximum Awards: Large Entries--Purple, \$6.50; Blue, \$5.00; Red, \$4.50; White, \$4.00.

Medium Entries--Purple, \$4.50; Blue, \$3.50; Red, \$3.00, White, \$2.00;

Small Entries--Purple, \$3.00; Blue, \$2.00; Red, \$1.50; White, \$1.00.

Size classification breakdown to be determined by Ag Ed Instructors.

Combination division to be determined by Ag Ed Instructors.

Exhibitor must provide plans for the exhibit when entered. The plans will be kept in the FFA Office. Exhibitor must be able to furnish the following information regarding the Mechanics Exhibit: (1) cost of construction, (2) time to construct, (3) list of building materials used, and (4) the plan used in construction. Failure to do so may result in dropping one ribbon placing.

Grand Champion trophy and rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top mechanics exhibit. Reserve champion rosette will be awarded to the 2nd place mechanics exhibit. Grand and reserve awards will not be given to exhibitors not furnishing plans and required information listed above.

### **Carpentry**

- Lot 700--Large** (wagon box);
- Lot 704--Medium** (feed bunk, lawn chair);
- Lot 708--Small** (saw horses).

### **Metal**

- Lot 710--Large** (trailer chassis);
- Lot 714--Medium** (welding table);
- Lot 718--Small** (scraper).

### **Combination**

- Lot 720--Large;**
- Lot 724--Medium;**
- Lot 728--Small**

### **Repair and Restoration**

- Lot 730--Large**
- Lot 734--Medium**
- Lot 738--Small**

## **DISPLAY BOARDS**

Maximum Awards; Purple or Blue, \$2.00; Red, \$1.75, White, \$1.50.

Any display to be on plywood boards meeting the size requirements as specified by panels under farm mechanics; Nebraska State Fair--FFA Division with the exception of weeds, which may be mounted in booklet form.

- Lot 750--Rope display** (group of 10 different knots);
- Lot 760--Forage** (group of 6 assorted pieces);
- Lot 765--Plants** (group of 12 weeds, grasses, legumes common to area);
- Lot 770--Soldering** (group of 4 soldering and sheet metal items);
- Lot 774--Gas Welding** (group of 6 assorted exercises);
- Lot 778--Arc Welding** (group of 6 assorted exercises);
- Lot 780--Electricity** (group of 6 electricity exercises).

## **HORSE**

Maximum Awards: Purple, \$5.00; Blue, \$4.00; Red, \$3.00; White, \$2.00

Exhibitors are limited to 10 horses, but a horse exhibited in an FFA event cannot be exhibited in any 4-H district or state events prior to the current year's fair. Consult 4-H Guidelines for current health requirements. **Horse entries shall be sent to the Knox county extension office by August 1.**

**Lot 800--Horse Showmanship** Horse showmanship will be run as designated by the 4-H show superintendent and therefore may not be the first class of the horse show.

**Lot 820--Halter Classes--** Limited to 2 halter horses. A trophy will be presented to the top FFA halter horse shown. A reserve champion rosette will be given the second best halter horse shown.

**Lot 830--2yr Old Snaffle Bit**—Grand Champion rosette for first place and Reserve rosette for second will be given and ribbons to any other horses in the class.

**Lot 840--Performance Classes--**same as 4-H saddle horses. A trophy will be presented to the top FFA performance exhibitor in each event. The second highest exhibitor will receive a reserve champion rosette in each event. Performance will include: Poles, Barrels, Trail, Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Breakaway Roping, and Goat Tying.

**Lot 860--Champion Horse Exhibitor--** Judging for this award will be based on a point system: 4 points for purple, 3 points for blue, 2 points for red, and 1 point for white ribbons. Additional 2 points will be given for the Grand Champion ribbon and 1 point for the Reserve Champion ribbon. Ribbons from Lots 800 through 840 will be counted. Trophy given to the top individual and Reserve Champion rosette to the second high individual.

### **HERDSMANSHIP**

All exhibitors are expected to keep their assigned pens and the surrounding area clean during the fair.

**Lot 900--Herdsmanship** (no Cash Premiums) Students will be judged at all times while on the Fair Grounds. All Herdsmanship responsibilities will be placed on the exhibitors. Poor representation, character, or failure to cooperate in herdsmanship responsibilities may result in forfeiture of premium money.

Exhibitor pens must be cleaned by 12:00 noon on the Monday immediately following the fair or premium money will be forfeited.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Lot 910- Photography and Art Entries.** Students that use photography or art as part of their SAE or Agricultural Education Class are eligible to enter such entries. They will be judged by the Ag Mechanics judge and will receive ribbons according to the Danish system. Premiums are as follows: Purple, \$4.50; Blue, \$3.50; Red, \$3.00, White, \$2.00;

### **MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES**

**Lot 920--Misc. entries.** Premiums will be based on similar entries in the fair. Decision to be made by FFA Superintendent.