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August 2023 4-H News

Important Dates:

August

- 3 4-H Fashion Show, Clothing & Textiles Judging – Bloomfield
- 5 Pistol Contest - Bloomfield
- 5 .22 Rifle & Shotgun Contest, 1:00 pm – Bloomfield
- 6 Archery Contest, 2:00 pm – Bloomfield
- 9 4-H/FFA Horse Show – Bloomfield
- 9 BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Contests - Bloomfield
- 9 Fair Exhibit Check-in Day – Bloomfield
- 10 Fair Livestock Check-in Day – Bloomfield
- 10 Online State Fair Entries DUE by 8 pm**
- 10-13 Knox County Fair - Bloomfield
- 22 State Fair Exhibits Due at Extension Office

Knox County 4-H information is available on our website at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/>

A 4-H Fair Pass has been mailed to each 4-H member who is over 11 years of age and has returned their Pre-entry Form(s) to the Office.

The Ag Society will be using the wristbands again this year. We will still issue the 4-H member passes **one time** to members 12 years old and older who have fair entries. When you enter the fairgrounds for the first time, they will take your exhibitor pass and put on a permanent wristband. **The wristband will be given to members 12 and over and must stay on the entire fair and there will be no replacements given.**

See you at the Knox County Fair!

Help Needed Monday After Fair

Please consider joining us at 8:00 a.m. on Monday after the fair to help with clean-up at the Harm and Tulleys Event Center. Bring a rake and a scoop shovel if you have one.

Contact the office for further details.

2023 County Fair Horse Show Information

The 4-H Horse Superintendents met and assigned the official patterns and trail class for the Fair. **The 2023 4-H/FFA Horse Show will start at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9.**

Reining Patterns:

Novice & Juniors - Pattern 1

Seniors - Pattern 5

Ranch Riding Class - Pattern 4

Trail Class – Novice, Juniors & Seniors:

1. Open, pass through and close gate
2. Ride over wooden bridge
3. A. (Seniors) Lope over 4 logs 6-6.5 feet apart in a curved pattern
B. (Juniors & Novice) Walk over 4 logs 20-24 inches apart in a curved pattern
4. Trot past the mailbox, through the logs and stop
5. Back through the logs and to the mailbox, open the mailbox, show the judge the mail, put back in and close the mailbox.
6. Walk to the pole, side pass over the obstacle, either direction.
7. Walk to the elevated obstacle, dismount, lead your horse across the obstacle



■ Before the Horse Show starts, there will be a **mandatory** meeting for horse exhibitors at 8:15 a.m. by the office

■ **Show Order** - Senior, Junior, Novice, FFA

■ After showmanship classes - arena is open for all exhibitors to warm-up their horses.

■ Any new ponies will need to be officially measured prior to show starting.

■ To receive a trophy, the exhibitor must have received a purple ribbon. (see page 13 the fairbook)

■ Must be present to get ribbon. Ribbons will be handed out in the arena.

■ **No additions** on entry day.

■ **Scratches:** All 4-H members are encouraged to scratch one event prior to their class or as soon as possible. **Once they have scratched from a class, they cannot re-enter.**

Armbands at 4-H Office

A limited amount of armbands will be available at the Horse Arena Office on the Fairgrounds Wednesday morning, August 9. Cost is \$3.00 each.

Food Stand

Grandma Pam's Bus will have a food stand available on the grounds throughout the Horse Show.

Dog Practice Dates Set

Julie Dather will be holding practices for those interested in the 4-H Dog Project again this year. Open to 4-H members and Clover Kids. If you want to learn about dog obedience and showmanship, then you will want to attend. Bring your dog and show leash. The practices will be held at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. The dates are:

- Friday, August 4, 7:00 pm



4-H Shooting Sports Program

Northwest Feeders 4-H Club will have the Food Stand available again this year during the Archery Contest on Sunday, August 6th.

Knox County 4-H Shooting Sports Contest Dates

- .22 Pistol Contest – Saturday, August 5, time 11 a.m., Knox County Fairgrounds
 - .22 Rifle & Shotgun Contests – Saturday, August 5, 1:00 pm, Knox County Fairgrounds
- Schedule:**
.22 Rifle Seniors begin at 1:00 p.m. and Juniors follow
Shotgun – Juniors begin at 1:00 p.m. and Seniors follow
- Archery Contest – Sunday, August 6, 2:00 pm, Knox County Fairgrounds
 - BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contests – Wednesday, August 9, 3:00 pm, Knox County Fairgrounds

The Dress Code for the official 4-H Shooting Sports Contests - shooters need to wear the official Knox County 4-H T-shirt (green or white) or a plain white T-shirt is acceptable and jeans or shorts.

Official BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contest Wednesday, August 9, 3:00 pm Harm & Tulleys Event Center Knox County Fairgrounds

The BB Gun & Air Rifle will be shooting 10 shots from each of the four positions: prone, kneeling, standing and sitting.

Schedule for the contest (the letters stand for the beginning letter of the contestant's last name):

3:00-3:45 p.m. A-D
3:45-4:30 p.m. E-H
4:30-5:15 p.m. I-L
5:15-6:00 p.m. M-P
6:00-6:45 p.m. Q-T
6:45-7:30 p.m. U-Z

*If you are in BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol, please be there to shoot by 6:00 p.m. **Don't wait until your assigned tie to try to do all.***

Last call will be at 7:15 p.m. Awards will be presented at 8:00 p.m.

Shooters need to bring their gun and safety glasses and have a partner/coach to assist. If you are the coach or partner, please bring a chair. **There are NO SCOPES on BB Guns or Air Rifles.** If you unable to make your time slot to shoot, you will be moved to the next available time slot or fit in whenever you arrive.

Upcoming Shooting Sports Dates:

- Information available at <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/calendar>



Knox County Fair August 11-14, 2022

4-H T-Shirts

The 4-H T-shirts for showing your animal projects at the fair are available at the Extension Office and we will have them at the County Fair also. Cost of the green 4-H T-shirts are: Youth (Small, Medium and Large) \$10.00 and Adult (Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL) - \$12.00 each. We also have some of the white 4-H T-shirts left for \$6.00 each.



Dress Code: 4-H exhibitors showing any animal projects (beef, dairy, sheep, goats, swine, cat, dog, poultry, pets and rabbits may wear a long-sleeve white shirt, white T-shirt (no club names), or the official Knox County T-shirt (either the green or white t-shirt) and blue or dark jeans are preferred. No neck ties, hats, caps or other type of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. Hard soled shoes or boots are recommended. Horse show exhibitors will find dress code regulations in the Horse Division of the fairbook.

Fairgrounds Traffic

The Ag Society is asking that all exhibitors enter the fairgrounds at the east gate and exit out the west gate. Please keep the traffic going **one way** to avoid congestion.

Attention Horticulture Exhibitors

If you did not list the cultivar or variety name when you pre-entered your flower or vegetable exhibits, you will need to do so at entry time. Failure to identify the cultivar or variety will drop the entry one ribbon placing. Please read the requirements in the fairbook. The following resources are available on our webpage to help you prepare your exhibits for the county fair <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/4-h-horticulture-floriculture-project/> or from the Extension office:



- *Selecting & Preparing Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits for Exhibits
- *Preparing Cut flowers for Exhibits

Interview Judging

Interview judging is available in **ALL** areas. If you would like to do interview judging on your exhibit with the judge, please sign up when you enter your exhibits on Wednesday, August 9th.

Entering Non-Livestock (Static) 4-H Exhibits

All exhibits, other than livestock, will need to be entered on **Wednesday, August 9th between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** Entries should be entered at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds. Clover Kids need to enter exhibits, other than animal exhibits, at this time as well.

Check the guidelines in the 4-H fairbook and re-check all exhibits to see that additional information is attached to the project.

Information sheets are needed in the following areas:

- Photography exhibits require Data Tags (see pgs 52-56 of fairbook). Data Tags are available at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/4-h-photography-project/>
- Home Environment projects - supporting information **is required for all Home Environment exhibits.** Attach information to explain steps taken. Information must also include element or principle of design used <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/4-h-home-environment-project/>
- Visual Arts projects - supporting information **is required for all Visual Arts exhibits** <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/Visual-Art-Supporting-Information.pdf>
- Human Development exhibits-classes 1-6 & class 8 requires information sheets (pgs 80-82)
- Forestry exhibits require labeling (pgs 84-89)
- Food exhibits must include the recipe (pgs 102-105)
- Food Preservation exhibits must include the recipe and Food Preservation Card (pgs 105-108)
- Citizenship exhibits require supporting information (pg 112-115)
- Floriculture & Horticulture exhibits require the cultivar or variety name
- Rockets must include a report (pg 127-129)
- Welding exhibits require information attached (pgs 137-139)
- Woodworking exhibits require the plans attached (pgs 139-141)

Attach the information sheets to the exhibit as securely as possible. Please have your name on any additional sheets. We want to be able to reattach them if they do get separated. Thanks for your help in making entry day as smooth as possible.

Foods Exhibits Helpful Hints & Reminders

1. **Supporting Information** - Each exhibit must include the recipe. **Recipe may be handwritten, photocopied, or typed.** Place the food on the appropriately size plate or container and put exhibit in a self-sealing bag. Attach recipe at the corner of the bag on the outside. Additional information including recipes and supplemental information should be identified with 4-H'er's name and county.
2. **Criteria for Judging** - Exhibits will be judged according to scoresheets available at the Extension Office or at <http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook>. **Make sure to follow all entry instructions required for your exhibit.** Incomplete exhibits will be lowered a ribbon placing. Commercially prepared mixes are ONLY allowed in Cooking 201 Creative Mix Class. Prepared baking mixes, biscuit mixes, commercially prepared seasoning mixes for food preservation or other pre-made mixes entered in other categories will be lowered a ribbon placing.
3. **Food Projects** – Exhibits should be entered using a disposable pan or plate and covered by a plastic, self-sealing bag.
4. **Ingredients: Any ingredient that the 4-H'er uses must be able to be purchased by the 4-H'er.** Ingredients such as beer, whiskey, rum, etc. may NOT be used in any recipe file or food exhibit. Exhibits that include alcohol will be disqualified.
5. **Food Safety:** Exhibits are on display for several days. Please think FOOD SAFETY! Items that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed as exhibits must be safe to eat when entered, whether they are tasted or not. Glazes, frostings and other sugar-based toppings are considered safe due to their high sugar content. Egg glazes on yeast breads and pie crusts BEFORE baking are acceptable. Eggs incorporated into baked goods and crusts are considered safe. **The following food ingredients are considered UNSAFE for fair exhibits and will be disqualified:**
 - *Egg or cream fillings and cream cheese frostings;*
 - *Any meat item including meat jerky, imitation meat bits (bacon bits, pepperoni, etc.)*
 - *Melted cheese on top of food exhibit (cheese mixed into baked goods is considered safe and will be accepted);*
 - *Uncooked fruit toppings (i.e., fresh fruit tart).*

Food Preservation

1. **Processing Methods:** Current USDA processing methods and altitude adjustments must be followed for all food preservation. Jams, preserves and marmalades, fruit, tomatoes and pickled products must be processed in a boiling water bath. Tomatoes may be processed in a pressure canner. All non-acid vegetables and meats must be processed in a pressure canner. Improperly canned or potentially hazardous food items will be disqualified. Spoiled or unsealed container disqualifies entry. Knox County's altitude is 1600 feet.
2. **Jars:** Jars do not need to be the same brand. Half pint jars may be used for jellies and preserves. The jars are not to be decorated by the exhibitor in any way. Canning jars must be used - others will be disqualified. No one-fourth pint jars allowed. Leave jar rings on for fair display, it helps protect the seal. No zinc lids.
3. **Current Project:** All canning must be the result of this year's 4-H project.
4. **Criteria for Judging:** Exhibits will be judged according to score sheets available at the Extension Office or at the State Fairbook at <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/rules>. Incomplete exhibits will be lowered a ribbon class. Canned food items not processed according to altitude in the county will be lowered one class ribbon. Check with the extension office for the county's altitude (1600 feet) or this site <https://food.unl.edu/canning#elevation> and how that affects food processing times and pounds of pressure.
5. **Labeling:** *Jars should be labeled with the name of the food item, name of the 4-H'er, county, and date of processing on the bottom of each jar.* Each bag containing dried foods should also be labeled with the name of the food item, the name of the 4-H'er, county and drying date. Multiple dried food exhibits, should be secured by a rubber band or "twisty" to keep exhibit containing 3 self-sealing bags together.
6. **Recipe/Supporting Information:** Recipe must be included, may be handwritten, photocopied, or typed. Commercially prepared seasoning mixes are not allowed. Current USDA guidelines for food preservation methods MUST be followed. Suggested sources of recipes include:
 - 4-H Food Preservation Manuals (Freezing, Drying, Boiling Water Bath Canning, Pressure Canning)
 - USDA Guide to Home Canning (https://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html)
 - Nebraska Extension's Food Website (<https://food.unl.edu/food-safety>) or Extension publications from other states
 - Ball Blue Book (published after 2009) or online at <https://www.freshpreserving.com/recipes>
7. All exhibits must include the 4-H Food Preservation Card attached to the project as the required supporting information. Please fill the card out completely.



Bucket Calf Project

Bucket calves need to be entered on Thursday, August 10 from 9-11 am and may be released after the show on Friday or stay the entire fair. Bucket Calf projects will be judged on 3 factors: 1/3 project record book; 1/3 interview; and 1/3 show ability of animal (handling, cleanliness, health). Bucket calf record books must be turned into the 4-H Fair Office by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10 so that the record book judging can take place prior to the show. The Bucket Calf Show will start at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 11. (No record book for Clover Kids bucket calf.) Bucket Calves will not be allowed to participate in the Feeder Calf Showmanship. This is for feeder calves only. Bucket Calf showmanship will be part of the Bucket Calf Show. Recognition will be given to the top record book score, top interview score, and top show score in the Bucket Calf Show. If a 4-H'er with the top score has already received an award, the award will be given to the next highest score. **The recognition awards will be provided by Rader Feed & Supply of Creighton this year!**

Bucket Calf Record Books

Bucket calf record books are split into a Beginning Level (ages 8-12 on Jan 1) and Advanced Level (ages 13 & over on Jan 1). Contact the office for a record book or they are available at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/animal-resources/>

Second Year Bucket Calf Project

For those in the Second Year Bucket Calf project, the animals need to be entered on Thursday, August 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and stay the entire fair. Showmanship and judging will take place on Sunday, August 13 during the Large Beef Show. Record books need to be handed in on entry day, Thursday, August 10 by 6:00 p.m. The record book from the previous year needs to be handed in also. Record book available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/animal-resources/>

Resources for Showing Beef Animals

The following resources are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/animal-resources/> or from the extension office:

- Tips for Showing Beef
- Guide for Livestock Showmanship Contest

4-H Round Robin Contest

The 12th Annual 4-H Round Robin Showmanship Contest will be held on Sunday, August 13. 4-H Dress Code is required. The Round Robin Showmanship Contest provides an opportunity for the 4-H Champion and Reserve Champion Senior and Junior Division Showman from the large animal species (horse, feeder calf, meat goat, sheep, swine, and large beef) to compete for the best all-around senior and junior showman honors at the fair. It is very possible that one of the reserve showman could be named as Champion Round Robin Showman. Complete rules are available on page 21 of the fairbook.

Belt Buckles for Round Robin Contest

Belt buckles will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champion Senior and Junior Showman. Thanks to Jesse & Adele Rader, Rader Feed & Supply LLC, Creighton for sponsoring the belt buckles. Thanks to Roger and Jeanine Lange for sponsoring the traveling trophies.

County 4-H & State Fairbook Available

The 4-H section of the Fairbook has been updated for 2023 and is available on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/fair-bookpage/>. The fairbook is divided into divisions which should make it easier for you to find your project area and the exhibits that go with it. If you would like a hard copy of the fairbook, contact your club leader or the office.

The State Fair Book is available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/nebraska-state-fair/>

Attention Swine Exhibitors



Swine may be unloaded at the fairgrounds for vet inspection only on Wednesday, August 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. **Exhibitors still need to bring their hogs back on Thursday morning from 7-9 am to check-in (market or breeding) and be weighed. The decision at the scale is final. No changes can be made to market or breeding after check-in.** The Swine Show is non-terminal. Show and marketing of the hogs is the exhibitor's responsibility.

Breeding Swine Class - Each exhibitor is eligible to enter one gilt in the Breeding Swine Class. **You must decide at check-in which gilt you are entering, and the breeding gilt is not eligible for the Rate-of-Gain Contest. The decision at the scale is final. No changes can be made to market or breeding after check-in.**

It is extremely important that hogs are **not fed** in the wash racks as it clogs up the drainage system. Please feed them in their pens!

Watering Information for Pigs at Fairs

Benny Mote, UNL Swine Extension Specialist has shared information about providing water to your pigs at fair time. Benny shares that water is the most important nutrient you provide your pig to keep them looking and performing their best. Check out his article at https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/Swine%20Exhibitors_water.pdf

What Is Herdsmanship?

This may be old news to many of our 4-H members, but it is important for ALL of us to remember what Herdsmanship is about if you are exhibiting livestock at the County Fair.

Herdsmanship is the way that a 4-Her displays his or her animals at the Fair. It refers to how neat and attractive 4-H members keep the livestock barn. It also shows how well you care for your animals. At County Fair, State Fair, AKSARBEN and other events 4-H'ers are judged on Herdsmanship. The overall purpose of this is to:

1. Develop knowledge and skill in proper handling and stabling of livestock.
2. Develop knowledge & skill in proper care and use of equipment.
3. Present to Fair visitors a neat, attractive, and well-kept livestock exhibit.
4. Develop club spirit, pride, and cooperation.

Let's all put forth an extra effort with Herdsmanship this year to present an inviting atmosphere to the public.

4-H Showmanship Champions & Reserve Champions

Thanks to our sponsors, Brunswick State Bank and Midwest Bank, the 4-H Council will once again acknowledge the champion & reserve champion showmanship winners. This year, the champion showman in the novice, junior and senior divisions of all species will be awarded a Hoodie. The reserve champion showman in the novice, junior and senior divisions of all species will be awarded a t-shirt. **Winners will need to stop in the 4-H Office on the fairgrounds to place your order in by 4:00 pm on Sunday, August 13. If you fail to put your order in, you will not receive your award.**

No Entry Fees This Year for Livestock

There were no entry fees this year for your animals because of these sponsors: the Vet inspection is being sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America, PO Box 196, Yankton, SD 57078, and the wood chips are being sponsored by Mark Miller, LLC, 88818 543 Ave, Bloomfield, NE 68718.

Please send a thank you for their generous donation.

Livestock Vet Inspection

There will be a veterinarian responsible for inspecting your beef, dairy, swine, sheep and goats for clinical health signs as they are checked in. **Animals cannot unload until the vet gives approval.** The vet will be in the area on the east side of the Harm & Tulleys Event Center to inspect animals before unloading.

Livestock Judging Contest

The Livestock Judging Contest will be on Thursday, August 10 starting at 12:30 p.m. Registration will begin at noon in the 4-H Office. The contest is set-up to be a learning clinic. It's recommended that all 4-H'ers and their parents participate regardless if youth are enrolled in a livestock project. There are five classes to judge: horses, meat goats, swine, sheep, and beef heifers. Hope you can join us!

County Fair Wood Chips and Clean-Up

There will be a pile of coarse wood mulch outside the Harm & Tulleys Event Center that is available for all livestock exhibitors in the Event Center. **All exhibitors will be responsible for getting their own wood mulch to their stalls. Please** bring wheel barrels and shovels if you have them.

There will be 2 bags of wood chips per pen this year for the sheep, goats and swine. If you need more, it will be your responsibility.

All exhibitors in the Event Center will be responsible for cleaning up their stalls when they leave on Sunday night. This means cleaning up all the wood chips and taking to the designated area or dumpsters, which will be posted. Please bring rakes to clean the chips out of the sand. Clean-up for exhibitors in the Sheep/Goat Barn will be posted. **No manure will be piled on the west side of the Sheep/Goat Barn.**

Be resourceful in your use of the wood chips. Pens/stalls do not have to be changed every day - they can be spot cleaned. Feed and water buckets are **not** to be in pens except during feeding or watering times.

Again, we appreciate the cooperation of all 4-H and FFA families.

Stalling

- ✓ Stalling assignments will continue to be on a rotation basis each year.
- ✓ Clubs will continue to be stalled together.
- ✓ FFA animals will be stalled with the 4-H club the family is involved with.

Entry Day for All Animals

All animals must check-in/weigh-in with the appropriate superintendent. Listed below are times for check-in and weigh-in:

Wednesday, August 9, 6:30–8:30 pm

Swine may be unloaded at the fairgrounds for vet inspection only. **Exhibitors still need to bring their hogs back on Thursday morning from 7-9 am to check-in (market or breeding) and be weighed. The decision at the scale is final.**

Thursday, August 10, 7:00 - 9:00 am swine

Thursday, August 10, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

market beef, breeding heifers, second-year bucket calves, fall feeder calves, bucket calves, dairy, all sheep and all goats

Thursday, August 10, 9:00 am to 11:00 am poultry and rabbits

Friday, August 11, 8:30 - 9:30 am feeder calves and cow/calf pairs for one day only

Unloading Large Beef Animals

For safety purposes, the 4-H Council is asking that you unload your large beef animals at the north end of the Harm & Tulleys Event Center and enter the north entrance to check-in with the beef superintendents.

Sheep, Goat & Bucket Calf Check-In

After your sheep, goats and bucket calves have been vet inspected and unloaded, check-in with the Sheep/Goat and Bucket Calf superintendents located in the Sheep/Goat Barn. **For safety purposes, do not check-in your bucket calf with the Large Beef Superintendents in the Harm & Tulleys Event Center.**

Blow and Show at the Fair

All livestock shows at the Knox County Fair will be groomed with the method of “Blow and Show”. The judging of animals will be done on the “Blow and Show” where no adhesives or color enhancers will be allowed. Clear body foam will be allowed. Animals will be docked a ribbon placing if rules are not followed. See page 19 of the County Fairbook for the Grooming of Livestock.

4-H Code of Conduct

The primary goal of the 4-H Program is to help youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community and sound character. Actions by persons (Parents, and 4-Her’s) involved with the 4-H Program will be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship. As a 4-H

Participant/Parent/Guardian I will:

- Treat all people and property with respect, courtesy, consideration, and compassion. Avoid and prevent putdowns, insults, name calling, swearing, and other language or nonverbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- Keep informed about 4-H program policies and projects and read materials pertaining to the county 4-H program.
- Teach and model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all people have skills and talents which can be used to help others and improve the community. Teach and foster teamwork and discourage selfishness.
- Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others. I will make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or disability. Decisions will be made fairly and treat all individuals and families with impartiality.
- Obey laws and rules as an obligation of being a good citizen. I accept responsibility for the proper treatment and care for other youth and adults, the program facilities and/or equipment.
- Demonstrate the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- Not use alcohol or illegal substances (or be under the influence) while working with or participating in any part of the 4-H Program.
- Provide a safe environment for all parties involved in 4-H. I will protect those involved from sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful behaviors.

Free Appreciation Breakfast

Farmers Pride is once again sponsoring a free breakfast for everyone on Friday, August 11 from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Church Stand on the fairgrounds. Be sure to thank them!

Free Omelet Feed

Michael Foods/Bloom ‘N Egg will be sponsoring a free Omelet Feed in the Pavilion on Thursday, August 10 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Be sure to thank them!



Ice Cream after Livestock Judging Contest

Farm Credit Services of America Yankton Office will be providing ice cream for all following the Livestock Judging Contest and before the Dairy Show! Find them located near the south end of the Harm & Tulley’s Building on Thursday, August 10th around 1:00 p.m. A huge thank you to them for providing a delicious treat at the Knox County Fair!



Farm Credit Services of America

2023 Knox County Fair				
4-H Building Supervision				
Times		Friday - 11th	Saturday - 12th	Sunday - 13th
9:00 a.m. - Noon	Building Closed for Judging	Northwest Feeders	Lucky Lads & Lassies	
Noon - 3:00 p.m.	Building Closed for Judging	Knox County Economic Dev	Knox County Knockouts	
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Building Closed for Judging	Alcott Lads & Lassies	Lucky Livewires	Exhibits Released at 5:30
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.		Running Water 4-H Club		Exhibits Released at 5:30

4-H Pop Stand Schedule

Thanks to all the clubs for helping with the 4-H Pop Stand. The 4-H Pop Stand raises money for the 4-H Council to use for 4-H programming. We have put together a schedule for this year. If your club cannot work at the time scheduled, please let us know immediately. Please remind 4-H members to wash their hands before working in the pop stand. Again, thanks for your help.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10:

Michael Foods serves breakfast from 8-10 am at the Pavilion.

11 am - 2:30 pm Knox County Knockouts
2:30 pm – 6 pm SE Wranglers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11:

Farmer's Pride serves breakfast from 7-9 am at the Church Stand

10 am- 2 pm Running Water
2 pm – 6 pm Lucky Lads & Lassies

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12:

7 am – 11 am Knox County Knockouts serving breakfast

11 am – 2:30 pm Northwest Feeders
2:30 pm – 7 pm Alcott Lads & Lassies

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13:

8 am -12:30 pm Lucky Livewires serving breakfast

12:30 pm - 5 pm Sparta Sparklers

Bars for 4-H Pop Stand

We are looking for any 4-H families who would like to donate bars or individually wrapped treats to the 4-H Pop Stand during the Fair. We would like the bars individually wrapped and can be left in the 4-H Office or at the 4-H Pop Stand on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of the Fair. If you have time and would like to help out, the 4-H Council would appreciate it.

Show Ring Clean-up Assignments

To keep the Show Ring (seating area) clean, we will assign 4-H Clubs with livestock interest to Livestock Show Ring Clean-up. Show Ring Clean-up will be reflected on herdsmanhip scores. Please pick up trash and brooms will be available in the 4-H Office for check-out to sweep the seats in the Old Show Barn (OSB) and the Harm & Tulleys Building. Clean-up should be done right after the show is over at the approximate times. Thanks!

Thursday, August 10

After Judging Contest & Dairy/Dairy Goat Show - **Knox County Knockouts**
After Cat & Dog Show OSB - **Lucky Lads & Lassies**

Friday, August 11

After Small Beef Show – **Running Water**

Saturday, August 12

After Rabbit Show OSB – **Northwest Feeders**

After Swine Show – **SE Wranglers**
After Sheep & Meat Goat Show - **Alcott Lads & Lassies**

Sunday, August 13

After Poultry Show OSB – **Lucky Livewires**
After Large Beef Show – **Sparta Sparklers**

Best of Show in the 4-H Exhibit Building

Several areas in the 4-H Exhibit Building receive sponsorship for the Best of Show. If you receive a Best of Show, please have your picture taken at the fair and **make sure you thank the sponsor.**

Foods-\$10.00; **Photography**-\$10.00; **Horticulture**-\$10.00

These three are sponsored by the Northwest Feeders 4-H Club

Clothing - sewing shears *in memory of Louise Wilken, Bloomfield* sponsored by Dean & Sandy Wilken

Crochet - crochet hooks *in memory of Bertha Mlady, Bloomfield* sponsored by Dean & Sandy Wilken

Forestry – \$10.00 sponsored by McCormick Tree Trimming, Verdigre

Woodworking - \$10.00 by Sparta Sparklers 4-H Club

Welding-\$50.00 and **Visual Arts** - \$50.00

These are sponsored by Farm Bureau Financial Services, Allen Walton, Agent

Home Environment Accessory – Original Floral Design - \$20.00 sponsored by Bazile Creek Pumpkins

Best of Show Plaques for Fairy Garden, Floriculture and Horticulture - *These are sponsored by Friends of Horticulture*

Human Development - \$10.00 **Home Environment** - \$10.00

These are sponsored by Paul and Caroline Oltjenbruns, Bloomfield

BOS Rosette for **Human Development** sponsored by Jen Bollich, Bloomfield

Floriculture - \$10.00 sponsored by Mary Ketelsen, Center

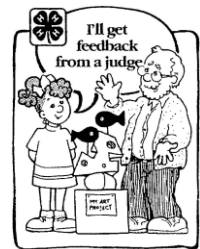
Fairy Gardens - \$10.00 sponsored by Keith & Glenda Byerly, Bloomfield

Cake Decorating - trophy sponsored by Leon Schroeder Family

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Refurbished Furniture - trophy sponsored by Tammi & Joanne Marsh, Hartington

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Don't Forget to Pick-up Exhibits

Fair exhibits can be picked up on Sunday night, August 13 after 5:30 pm or on Monday morning, August 14 from 8 to 10:00 am.



Thank You Notes after Fair

If you win a trophy or Best of Show Award or Trophy, please send a Thank You Note to the sponsor. There will be a label on the bottom of the trophy with the address of the sponsor along with a thank you card or you can contact the 4-H office for addresses. The 4-H program is dependent on donor support. Please help us give the donors the thanks they deserve.

Comment Writers Needed

Learn more about what judges are looking for in 4-H exhibits by writing comments. If you are available to write comments during the judging on Thursday, August 10th starting at 8:00 am, let the office know.



Clover Kids Visit the Fair

We are excited to have 83 Clover Kids enrolled this year. The goal is to encourage the Clover Kids and make this a good learning experience. Everyone receives a special Clover Kid participation ribbon for their exhibit.

Entry For Clover Kids Non-Animal Exhibits: All exhibits, except animals, should be entered at the 4-H Exhibit Hall on Wednesday, August 9th from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The Clover Kids will be interviewed during check-in of their exhibits. All Clover Kids are encouraged to participate in the interviewing of their exhibits, but it is not required. Clover Kids are limited to one exhibit per entry number.

Dummy Roping will be done during the Horse Show on Wednesday, August 9 at 1:00 pm at the Horse Arena located at the northwest corner of the fairgrounds.

Entering Clover Kid Animal Exhibits That Stay the Whole Fair: If you plan to keep your Bucket Calf, Bottle Lamb, or Companion Goat the entire fair, they need to be entered from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Thursday, August 10. Please have your calf, lamb, or goat vet checked and then check-in with the Superintendents (located in the Sheep/Goat Barn). Bucket calves, lambs and goats will be stalled in this building.

Pigs will check-in from 7:00 am to 9:00 am on Thursday, August 10 and **must stay the entire fair**. The pigs will be stalled in the Swine Barn. If you can't find your stall or pen, check with the 4-H Office.

If you plan to keep your rabbit or chicken the entire fair, they need to be entered on Thursday, August 10 from 9 am – 11 am in the Rabbit & Poultry Barn that is next to the Harm & Tulleys Event Center.

Entry for Clover Kid Animal Exhibits the Day of the Show: If you are bringing your poultry or rabbit exhibit the day of the show, they need to be checked in 15 minutes before the show starts.

Bucket calves that are being brought in the day of the show need to be checked in between 8:30 and 9:30 am on Friday, August 11 to be vet checked. Then, please check in with the 4-H Office or the Beef Check-in Superintendent and let them know your calf is here (they will be at the north end of the Harm & Tulleys by the weigh scale). The Clover Kid Bucket Calf Show starts at 10:00 am.

Bottle Lambs and Companion Goats that are being brought in the day of the show need to be checked in between 11:00 to 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 12 to be vet checked. Please check in at the 4-H Office to let us know your lamb/goat is here.

The Clover Kids exhibits will be interviewed at the beginning of each show. They are encouraged to watch the rest of the show. Animal exhibits will be interviewed as follows:

Dummy Roping
Wednesday, August 9, 1 pm

Cat Exhibit
Thursday, August 10,
1:30 pm

Dog Exhibit
Thursday, August 10,
2:30 pm

Bucket Calf Exhibit
Friday, August 11, 10:00 am

Rabbit Exhibit
Saturday, August 12, show
follows FFA Rabbit Show

Bottle Lamb Exhibit
Saturday, August 12, show
follows FFA Sheep Show

Companion Goat
Saturday, August 12, show
follows 4-H Sheep Show

Pig Exhibit
Saturday, August 12, show starts
at 8:00 am

**Companion Animal (Pet) Exhibit
& Poultry**
Sunday, August 13, 8:00 am

Knox County 4-H Members Do Exceptionally Well at State Horse Show

Our 4-H Members were able to participate at the Nebraska State Horse Show once again this. We were excited to have several 4-H members participate and do well at this year's state horse show. Results are as follows:

Ella Jessen of Bloomfield

Elementary Showmanship- 3rd Place purple ribbon.
11 + Year Old Geldings- 10th Place purple ribbon.
Elementary Western Pleasure - received a blue ribbon.
Elementary Western Horsemanship- received a red ribbon.

Rachel Harder of Plainview

Junior Reining- received Champion Trophy.
Western Pleasure Ponies- received Champion Trophy.
Junior Ranch Riding- received a 5th Place purple ribbon.
Junior Hunt Seat Equitation- received a 6th Place purple ribbon.
Junior Western Horsemanship- received a 6th Place purple ribbon.
Junior Showmanship- received 8th Place purple ribbon.
Junior Ranch Pleasure- received 8th Place purple ribbon.
Junior Barrel Racing- received a blue ribbon.
Junior Pole Bending- received a blue ribbon.
Junior Trail- received a red ribbon.

Hadlee Nipp of Bloomfield

Junior Ranch Pleasure— received a blue ribbon.
6–10-Year-Old Mares- received a blue ribbon.

Kaitlyn Byerly of Bloomfield

11+ Year Old Halter Mares- received Reserve Champion Trophy.
Senior Showmanship – received a purple ribbon.
Senior Ranch Pleasure- received a blue ribbon.
Senior Western Horsemanship- received a red ribbon.
Senior Trail- received a white ribbon.

Emily Peck of Norfolk

11+ Year Old Halter Mares- received a blue ribbon.
Senior Ranch Pleasure- received a blue ribbon.
Senior Pole Bending- received a red ribbon.
Senior Showmanship – received a red ribbon.
Senior Western Horsemanship- received a white ribbon.

Kingsley Cunningham of Wausa

Elementary Pole Bending- received Reserve Champion Trophy.
Elementary Barrel Racing- received a blue ribbon.

Sydney Peck of Norfolk

6–10-Year-Old Geldings- received 7th Place purple ribbon.
Senior Showmanship – received a purple ribbon.
Senior Hunter Under Saddle- received a purple ribbon.
Senior Western Horsemanship- received a red Ribbon.
Senior Western Pleasure- received a blue ribbon.
Senior Hunt Seat Equitation – received a white ribbon.



2023 Nebraska State Fair Information

Deadline

Deadline to complete entries: Thursday, August 10 at 8 PM CST*

***No option for late entries**

Online Entry Site

<https://www.statefair.org/ag-competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors/>

After clicking the link, scroll down to "Online Entry Information" and click the navy blue box that reads 4-H/FFA ENTRY.

ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION

- 4-H and FFA Livestock Deadline: 8 p.m. Central on August 10th *There will be absolutely no late entries accepted!!!*
- 4-H In-Person Events Deadline (contests, fashion show & robotics showcase): 8 p.m. Central on August 10th
- 4-H Static Entry Deadline: noon on August 21st *ENTERED BY COUNTY STAFF ONLY*
- FFA Static Entry Deadline: 8:00 p.m. Central on August 21st

4-H & FFA ENTRY

[Online Entry Instructions \(PDF\)](#)
[4-H Exhibitor Entry Limits \(PDF\)](#)

Schedules

- State Fair Livestock Schedule Link: <https://www.statefair.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/LivestockSchedule2361323.pdf>
- 4-H Livestock Only Schedule Link: https://4h.unl.edu/3_4HPrograms/c_AnimalScience/4-H%20Livestock%20Schedule%202023_Final.pdf
- 4-H Static and Contests, Fashion Show, and Robotics Showcase Schedule Link: <https://4h.unl.edu/documents/NE4H-NSF-Static-Contest-Schedule-2023.pdf>

Livestock Entry Limits

- 4-H have different entry limits for each species. Exhibitors can review entry limits here: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-livestock-exhibitor>

Step By Step Entry Instructions

- It is recommended to download the [Step by Step Instructions](#) prior to signing in to the entry site. **Note:** Even if the youth exhibited at the 2022 State Fair, please click "I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year"
- **Browser:** It is recommended to use Chrome as the web browser.

Entry Prices and Optional Livestock Purchase Items

Note: All Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit and Poultry 4-H/FFA exhibitors will automatically receive an 11-day admission wristband at no cost. Exhibitors will not have to select a wristband as it will automatically be provided with the livestock, rabbit, and/or poultry entry. 4-H Dog Exhibitors and other non-livestock in-person entries (4-H Contests, Fashion Show, and the Robotics Showcase) will receive a free daily gate pass. All purchase items will be in the exhibitor packet when the exhibitor checks in at the Livestock Check-In Trailer.

Issues with Registration?

If you have technical difficulties with the online registration, please e-mail the Nebraska 4-H/FFA local technical support team: ne.showworks@gmail.com. Extension staff can also contact me for livestock entry questions.

Upcoming Animal Events

Sept 9-10 – Norfolk Beef Expo (information available at https://www.norfolkareachamber.com/chamber_event/beef-expo/)
Sept 21-24 – AKSARBEN Stock Show, Nebraska State Fairgrounds, Grand Island (entries due online)
<https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/default.aspx>



2023 KNOX COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9:

8:30 am	4-H/FFA Horse Show
3:00 pm	4-H BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Contests, Knox County Fairgrounds
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	4-H Exhibits Entered (Home Ec., Ag Eng., Photography, Etc.)
4:00 pm - 8 pm	Interview Judging of Clover Kid exhibits
4:00 pm - 8 pm	Enter Open Class exhibits
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	4-H/FFA Swine may be unloaded at fairgrounds for vet inspection only
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	4-H/FFA Rabbits & Poultry Check-in

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10:

7:00 am - 9:00 am	Check-In & Weigh All 4-H/FFA Swine
8:00 am - 12 noon	Check-In FFA Ag Exhibits (crops, horticulture, woodworking, welding, etc)
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Judge 4-H & FFA Exhibits (No Livestock)
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Check-In & Weigh ALL 4-H/FFA Livestock : Market Beef, Breeding Heifers, Second-Year Bucket Calves, Fall Feeder Calves, Bucket Calves, Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Bottle Lambs, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Companion Goats, Dairy
8:00 am - 11:00 am	Check-In 4-H/FFA/Open Class Rabbits & Poultry
12:30 pm	Livestock Judging Contest
1:30 pm	4-H Dairy Goat and Dairy Show; FFA Dairy Goat & Dairy Show follows
1:30 pm	4-H/FFA Cat Show (check-in with superintendent at 1:15 pm)
2:30 pm	4-H/FFA Dog Show (check-in with superintendent at 2:15 pm)
6:00 pm	4-H Bucket Calf, Second-Year Bucket Calf & Bottle Lamb Record Books Due

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11:

8:30 am - 9:30 am	Enter 4-H/FFA Feeder Calves & Cow/Calf Pairs; Enter 4-H Clover Kid Bucket Calves
10:00 am	4-H Clover Kid Bucket Calf Show followed by 4-H Bucket Calf Show
1:00 pm	4-H Feeder Calf Showmanship, Feeder Calf Show, and Cow/Calf Show followed by FFA Showmanship, Feeder Calf Show, Bucket Calf and Cow/Calf Show 4-H/FFA Feeder Calves & Bucket Calves may be released at the conclusion of the Feeder Calf Show
5:00 pm	4-H Bottle Lamb Record Books Due

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12:

8:00 am	FFA Rabbit Show followed by 4-H Clover Kid Rabbit Show, 4-H Rabbit Showmanship, 4-H Rabbit Show followed by Open Class Rabbit Judging
8:00 am	4-H Swine Showmanship, 4-H Clover Kid Swine, 4-H Swine Show; FFA Swine Show Follows
1:00 pm	FFA Sheep Show, 4-H Clover Kid Bottle Lamb, 4-H Sheep Show, 4-H Clover Kid Goat, 4-H Companion Goats, 4-H Meat Goat Show, FFA Meat Goat Show

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13:

8:00 am	4-H Companion Animal (Pet) Show (check-in with superintendent at 7:45 am); 4-H Senior Poultry Showmanship, Clover Kid Poultry, Junior & Novice Poultry Showmanship; 4-H Poultry Show; followed by FFA Poultry Show & Open Class
9:00 am	FFA Large Beef Showmanship, Breeding Heifer, Market Beef Shows followed by 4-H Large Beef Showmanship, Fall Feeder Calf, Second-Year Bucket Calf, Breeding Heifer, Market Beef Shows
Follows Last Show	4-H Round Robin Contest
5:30 p.m.	Release All Exhibits (All livestock must be removed from the Harm & Tulleys Event Center by 8 am on Monday)

NOTE: The Gain Contest winners will be exhibited following their respective shows. The bonanzas and classics will be exhibited following the respective shows.

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