

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER?

4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 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 is the age of the youth before January 1 of the current year.
- If your birthday is on January 1, your 4-H age is the age you were on December 31st. (If you turn 8 on January 1, your 4-H age is 7. If you turn 9 on January 1, your 4-H age is 8).
- 4-H eligibility is determined based on the 4-H age. (The age of the member on December 31st of the previous year)
- The first year of eligibility for participation in the 4-H Clover Kids program is the 4-H age of 5 and the last year of eligibility is the 4-H age of 7.
- The first year of eligibility for regular 4-H program is the 4-H age of 8 and the last year of eligibility is the 4-H age of 18.

TO WHOM ARE ENTRIES MADE?

Prior entries will be required in all pre-fair and fair exhibits. Prior entries in the 4-H Horse Show shall be final. "SCRATCHES" MAY BE PERMITTED BUT NO LATE TRANSFERS OR ADDITIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.

HOW MANY AND WHAT ENTRIES MAY BE MADE?

- Participants in the 4-H Horse Show will be limited to the use of ten (10) horses in 4-H. A horse exhibited in a 4-H event cannot be exhibited in any FFA events.
- A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting the following animals:
 - two (2) market beef,
 - two (2) breeding heifers,
 - two (2) second-year bucket calves,
 - two (2) fall feeder calves,
 - two (2) cow/calf projects,
 - three (3) feeder calves,
 - two (2) bucket calves,
 - three (3) dairy animals,
 - four (4) swine,
 - two (2) breeding sheep,
 - four (4) market sheep,
 - two (2) bottle lambs,
 - four (4) dairy goats,
 - two (2) breeding (meat) does
 - four (4) meat goats,
 - two (2) companion goats,
 - six (6) birds in each division of poultry, but no more than 2 birds in Other Poultry and Pick-a-Chick
 - one (1) pen production trio,
 - eight (8) rabbits,
 - two (2) cats,
 - two (2) dogs, and
 - four (4) companion animals
- No individual animal may show in both breeding and market classes. The feeder calf may be shown as a feeder calf and as a cow/calf project.
- All 4-H members are limited to one (1) exhibit per entry number and four (4) exhibits per project in all other 4-H projects (unless specified different).
- Only articles listed in the premium list will be given a place in the show unless special notice is given by the Extension Office.

WHEN SHOULD EXHIBITS ARRIVE AT THE FAIR?

- All 4-H exhibits other than livestock will be entered Wednesday, August 9 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.
- All horses will be entered and shown on Wednesday, August 9.
- All swine **must be in place by 9:00 am** of the official entry day, Thursday, August 10, and properly registered with the superintendent. **Swine will check in and weigh from 7 am to 9 am.** Swine may be unloaded at the fairgrounds for vet inspection **ONLY** on Wednesday, August 9 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- All breeding beef, market beef, second-year bucket calves, fall feeder calves, bucket calves, market sheep, breeding sheep, bottle lambs, dairy animals, dairy goats, meat goats, and companion goats **must be in place by 11:00 am** of the official entry day (Thursday, August 10) and properly registered

with the superintendent. **Animals will check-in and weigh from 9 am to 11 am.**

- All poultry & rabbits **must be in place by 11:00 am** of the official entry day (Thursday, August 10) and properly registered with the superintendent. **Poultry & Rabbits will check in from 9 am to 11 am.**
- Feeder calves and cow/calf pairs must be entered by 9:30 am on Friday, August 11 and shown on that day. **Animals will check-in and weigh from 8:30 am to 9:30 am.**
- Cats must arrive 15 minutes or more before the time of showing on Thursday, August 10.
- Dogs must arrive 15 minutes or more before the time of showing on Thursday, August 10.
- Companion Animals may arrive 15 minutes or more before the time of showing on Sunday, August 13.
- Dairy animals will have the option of being stalled throughout the Fair (must be in place by 11:00 am of the official entry day, Thursday, August 10) or can be taken home after the show on Thursday, August 10.
- Any exhibit arriving after the entry deadline will be marked "LATE" and will have its ribbon and premium reduced one place. If the class it belongs in has been judged it will not be accepted.

WHEN WILL EXHIBITS BE RELEASED?

All horses will be released after the horse show competition. All animals coming in for one-day showing will be released after the show. All exhibits may be released on Sunday evening after 5:30 p.m. Static Exhibits may stay Sunday evening and be released on Monday at 8 am. **Livestock Exhibits must be removed from the Harm & Tulleys Event Center by 8:00 am on Monday.**

RIBBONS AWARDED:

4-H exhibits will be judged according to standards that indicate level of performance or quality of work. Purple ribbons designate an exhibit of superior quality that has met and exceeded all of the standards. Blue ribbons denote an above average exhibit that has met almost all of the standards in a way that surpasses the norm. Red ribbons indicate average quality and indicate that the exhibit has met the majority of standards in such a way that the benchmark was reached, but not exceeded. White ribbons indicate that the exhibit has not met the majority of the standards. **Exhibits must have received a purple ribbon to be eligible for a trophy or a related special award with the exception of the following: dog, BB gun, air rifle, pistol .22, shotgun, and archery classes.** A few classes will not be judged and each of these exhibits will receive a "participation" ribbon. A participation ribbon is recognition of the 4-H exhibit's presence at the Fair. The objective of the project is primarily focused on a high level of individual planning and creativity.

PREMIUMS:

All premiums stated in the 4-H section of this "fairbook" are maximum premiums to be paid for each exhibit. The Knox County Agricultural Society will make every effort to pay the maximum premiums. If, however, for some reason maximum premiums cannot be paid, all premiums will be adjusted uniformly on a percentage basis.

NEBRASKA 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT: All 4-H staff, volunteers, members and parents/guardians should adhere to the code of conduct during participation at all 4-H events, including the Knox County Fair.

STATE FAIR ELIGIBILITY:

An exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project they are exhibiting in the county which he/she represents. Youth must be enrolled in the Knox County 4-H program by June 15 of the current year. In classes where presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations and fashion show, a 4-H member must be 9 by January 1, of the current year, or become 10 years of age during the current year. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19. For classes where presence of the 4-H'er is not required, the 4-H member must be 8 before January 1 of the current year or become 9 years of age during the current year.

Procedure for Making State Fair Entries – 4-H animal entries (beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits and dogs) will be entered through ShoWorks online by the 4-H family. All "in-person" events such as fashion show, presentations, and contests will also be entered through ShoWorks online by the family. **The entry deadline is August 10 by 8 pm.** For livestock entries (beef, swine, sheep, goats), youth will have until August 10 to declare if they will show 4-H or FFA at State Fair. All static entries will be entered by the extension office.

Exhibit numbers preceded by ** are **NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR**.

All static exhibits must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.

State Fair Premier 4-H Science Award – Each individual is limited to one application.

- **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.
- **Application:** Participants may select ONE exhibit from any department which was selected for State Fair to complete their awards application about. An awards application, along with any supplemental documents, should be completed and turned in to the County Office by the county's entry deadline. Handwritten or typed entries are accepted. Entries are only judged on the information included in the application. Award applications need to include a photograph of the exhibit. The photograph will not be used for judging but is needed if the exhibit needs to be located in the exhibit hall.
- **Judging:** A scoresheet will be used to judge each exhibit. Exhibits which do not have a completed application or photograph can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge. Participants will be scored on how well they communicate their use of the Scientific Method or Engineering Process Design while completing their exhibit. An exhibit involving a science topic does not necessary qualify it to be the best choice for this award
- **Eligibility:** The awards application and the exhibit selected for state fair which the application is written about must both be at State Fair. Awards applications which do not accompany an exhibit (which has been checked in at the exhibits department) will be disqualified.
- **Resources:** Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hpremierscienceaward>. There are many variations of the different steps in the scientific method and engineering design process. Examples can be found at the link above.
- **Recognition:**
 - All award applications entered will receive a participation certificate. No ribbons or premiums will be awarded.
 - Up to 3 top exhibits will be chosen to receive a \$100 cash award sponsored by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. A special recognition will be placed on their exhibit to showcase their achievement.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

The respective superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the 4-H Premium Book. When needed, a committee shall be appointed to serve as a grievance review group. They will meet when needed to act upon concerns.

1. All protests must be submitted in writing and signed.
2. The written protest must be submitted to the Extension Educator and must include:
 - a. names of persons involved
 - b. nature of concerns
 - c. situation and documentation
 - d. recommendations for correction
 - e. specific action, rule, etc., in question
 - f. additional persons committee may contact for further clarification
 - g. procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission of the protest to the Extension Educator.
3. The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show officials to include County Fair management. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
4. 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.
5. The management reserves the right to withhold premium and/or award. The exhibitor may be excluded from the show if action warrants.
6. Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the 4-H Division of County Fair.

Protests related to judges' integrity, decisions, placing, or other evaluations will not be accepted.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS AT KNOX COUNTY FAIR:

4-H exhibits at County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the 4-H member. The Knox County 4-H Department, in cooperation with the County Ag Society, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, the 4-H Department and 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 County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in 4-H at the County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL GENERAL RULES

DRESS CODE:

Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, sheep, goats, swine, cats, dogs, 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 the 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.

STALLING OF ANIMALS:

Stalling assignments will be on a rotation basis each year.

MAY 4-H LIVESTOCK BE SHOWN IN OTHER CLASSES?

4-H livestock may **not be shown** in other classes; this includes Open Class and FFA.

4-H/FFA EXHIBITS:

Training offered by agricultural education/FFA and extension/4-H contribute to youth's preparation for a future in agricultural production, agribusiness, and other areas. Simultaneous participation in both programs is acceptable and encouraged, if youth choose to do so.

For purposes of exhibition, an animal can be nominated for both organizations. Exhibitors who participate in both organizations must decide at the time of submitting fair entry forms which organization they are exhibiting their animals.

OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS:

All animals entered in the 4-H show must be owned and identified by the livestock exhibitor on or before June 15. Ownership must be verified by the appropriate identification report form and due to the extension office by the June 15 deadline. Animals with "lost" tags will need to be retagged and the new tag reported to the County Extension Office prior to the County Fair.

WHO IS ALLOWED TO SHOW LIVESTOCK?

Only 4-H project owners may exhibit their animals unless excused by the Superintendent and Extension Educator. Excuses, when granted, are only for military service, sickness or when the owner has a conflict with another county fair activity. If the 4-Her has several 4-H fair activities scheduled at the same time, the show WILL NOT be held up for the exhibitor. The 4-H member may have another 4-H member, who is eligible and exhibiting at the fair, show their livestock (NO Clover Kids). However, no substitute showman will be allowed in either showmanship or performance classes.

REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK:

A breeding animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The following apply to the **county fair** on registration of animals: