

**BUCKET CALF SHOW RULES:** Any 4-H'er may participate in the bucket calf project. There are two age levels (age on December 31 of previous year): Beginner (ages 8-12) and Advanced (ages 13 & over). **The bucket calf (heifer, steer or bull) must be born anytime from January 1 to May 31 of the current year and be raised by the 4-H member by artificial means.** The calf may be any percent dairy or beef animal. The judging of the project will consist of three parts: 1/3 record book; 1/3 interview; and 1/3 show ability of animal (showmanship, cleanliness, health). If there would be a tie in the total score, the break will be on the interview score. Bucket Calves must be tagged with an official 4-H tag and recorded on ownership affidavit form due to the Extension Office by June 15. **Record books are due by 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 8.**

Recognition will be given to the top record book score; top interview score; and top show score. If a 4-H'er with the top score has already received an award, such as a bucket, the award will be given to the next highest score. Bucket calves are not allowed in the Feeder Calf Showmanship, which is for feeder calves only.

#### **BUCKET CALF CLASSES**

- Advanced Bucket Calf (all breeds) calf born between January 1 and May 31 of current year
- Beginning Bucket Calf (all breeds) calf born between January 1 and May 31 of current year

### **SHEEP DIVISION**

**GENERAL SHEEP SHOW RULES** - See Livestock/Animal General Rules.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - See Livestock/Animal General Rules.

**GROOMING RULES** - See Livestock/Animal General Rules.

**YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)** - All 4-H youth enrolled in livestock projects are required to complete annual quality assurance training through YQCA.

**ARRIVAL TIME** – All market lambs, breeding sheep, and bottle lambs **must** check-in between 9:00 am to 11:00 am on entry day, Thursday, August 8 and stay the entire fair.

**SHOWING & HANDLING PRACTICES** – The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping lambs and exhibiting the lamb with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. The use of such practices may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing. (Lifting the lamb in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable.) Spike collars are not acceptable and will result in the lowering of a ribbon placing.

### **MARKET LAMBS**

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**PREMIUMS:** Purple, \$6.00; Blue, \$4.50; Red, \$3.00; White, \$2.00

**TROPHIES:** See Knox County Trophy and Award List

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR:** Four Market Lambs (no individual animal may be shown in both Breeding and Market classes).

**MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT** - All market lambs are required to be born on or after December 1, 2022.

**MINIMUM WEIGHTS FOR MARKET LAMBS** - Market lambs weighing less than 100 pounds at weigh-in will be allowed to show but will not be eligible for purple ribbons or allowed to compete for awards. A feeder lamb class may be created at the discretion of the superintendents.

**MARKET LAMB IDENTIFICATION** - To be eligible to show, the club member must have cared for the sheep starting no later than June 15 of current year. All market lambs must be tagged with a USDA official scrapie ID and be recorded on the ownership affidavit due in the Extension Office by June 15.

**MARKET LAMB IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE FAIR** – Refer to the Nebraska State Fairbook.

**MARKET LAMB DEFINITION** - Wether and ewe lambs are eligible for market classes. Short scrotum, cryptorchid, or ram lambs are not eligible as market lambs.

**WOOL LENGTH REQUIREMENTS** - All market lambs must be completely slick shorn, including belly, to allow inspection for club lamb fungus. Wool may be left on the legs **ONLY** below the knees and hocks.

**MARKET LAMB CLASSES** - Classes will be split by weight including all breeds. Wethers and ewes will show together. If necessary, the market lambs may be split into three divisions: 1) Black Face, 2) White Face and 3) Two-Colored Face.

#### **MARKET LAMB BONUS**

Carhart Lumber, Bloomfield will be awarding cash prizes to the top purple market lambs exhibited by 4-H and FFA members. The Market Lamb Bonus will follow the 4-H Sheep Show. The trophies are sponsored by the Jeff Wagner Family, Creighton and CB Club Lambs, Creighton.

First Place + Trophy - \$75      Second Place - \$50      Third Place - \$25

#### **CLUB PEN OF THREE**

PREMIUMS: First, \$8.00; Second, \$6.00; Third, \$4.00

Three (3) Market Lambs must be owned by at least two (2) 4-H exhibitors. The 4-H'er may be involved in only 1 pen.

### **BOTTLE LAMB**

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

**TROPHIES:** See Knox County Trophy and Award List

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR:** Two Bottle Lambs.

Any 4-H'er may participate in this project. There are two age levels (age Dec. 31 of previous year): Beginner (ages 8-12) and Advanced (ages 13 & over). The lamb must be born anytime from February 1 through June 1 of the current year. The lamb must be under the care of the 4-H'er through the entire project. The judging of the project will consist of three parts: 1/3 health, care and quality; 1/3 records; and 1/3 interview. The lamb must be tagged with a USDA official scrapie ID and be recorded on the ownership affidavit due in the Extension Office by June 15. **Record books are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9 in the 4-H Office.**

#### **BOTTLE LAMB CLASSES**

- Advanced Bottle Lamb - lamb born between February 1 and June 1 of current year
- Beginning Bottle Lamb - lamb born between February 1 and June 1 of current year

### **BREEDING SHEEP**

#### **BREEDING EWES**

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

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR:** Two Breeding Ewes.

**TROPHIES:** See Knox County Trophy and Award List

**IDENTIFICATION** - To be eligible to show, the club member must have cared for the sheep starting no later than June 15 of current year. All breeding sheep must be tagged with a USDA official scrapie ID and be recorded on the ownership affidavit due in the Extension Office by June 15. In all cases, animals will be subdivided into breeding ewe lambs and breeding yearling ewes.

**IDENTIFICATION FOR STATE FAIR** – Refer to the State Fair Animal Identification Guidelines

**AGE CLASSIFICATION OF BREEDING EWES:** Ewes born September 1, 2023, or after are classified as lambs. Ewes born between 9/1/2022 and 8/31/2023 will be classed as yearlings. Ewes born prior to 9/1/2022 are ineligible to show. All ewe lambs must have temporary teeth present; yearling ewes can have yearling teeth but cannot have two-year old teeth.

**All registered and commercial “meat breed” breeding sheep must be shorn sufficiently short to allow inspection for club lamb fungus. Wool may be left on the legs ONLY below the knees and hocks. All registered and commercial “wool breed” sheep may be shown in the fleece.**

**Breeding Sheep will be split by age and if needed may be split by Black Face (meat) and by White Face (wool).**

#### **BREEDING EWE CLASSES**

- Ewe Lambs (all breeds) born September 1, 2023 and after
- Yearling Ewes (all breeds) born in 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023

#### **BREEDING EWE BONUS**

Wagner Bros. Club Lambs, Winnetoon will be awarding cash prizes to the top purple breeding ewes exhibited by 4-H and FFA members. The trophies are sponsored by Wagner Bros. Club Lambs and CB Club Lambs.

First Place + Trophy - \$75      Second Place - \$50      Third Place - \$25

#### **MARKET SWINE**

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$6.00; Blue, \$4.50; Red, \$3.00; and White, \$2.00

The 4-H swine show is a **non-terminal show** and marketing of the hogs is the exhibitor’s responsibility.

**GENERAL RULES** - See Livestock/Animal General Rules.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - See Livestock/Animal General Rules.

**GROOMING RULES** - See Livestock/Animal General Rules.

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR:** Four Market Hogs

**ARRIVAL TIME** – All market swine **must** check-in and weigh between 7:00 am to 9:00 am on entry day, Thursday, August 8 and stay the entire fair. Swine may be unloaded at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, August 7 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for vet inspection **only**.

**YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)** - All 4-H youth enrolled in livestock projects are required to complete annual quality assurance training through YQCA.

**TROPHIES:** See Knox County Trophy and Award List

**WEIGHT LIMITS:** The required weight limit for State Fair market hogs is a lower weight limit of 230 lbs. with an upper weight limit of 320 lbs. to qualify for the regular show. The lower weight limit of 230 lbs (+ or – 5 lbs) is the goal for all Knox County 4-H exhibitors also. There is NO upper weight limit for Knox County. It would be best if all market swine weighing less than 230 pounds not be brought to the fair. **All light hogs will be allowed to show but will not be eligible for purple ribbons or allowed to compete for awards.**

**IDENTIFICATION:** Market Hogs that are exhibited at the county fair may be identified with 4-H ear tags or with ear notches in both ears or an 840 EID tag available from the Extension Office and be recorded on the ownership affidavit that is due in the Extension Office by June 15.

**IDENTIFICATION FOR STATE FAIR:** Refer to the State Fair Animal Identification Guidelines