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**WELCOME TO
2019 MERRICK COUNTY FAIR
JULY 27-31
4-H, FFA & OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS**

**YOUR MERRICK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
AND FAIR ASSOCIATION**

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS
MERRICK COUNTY'S 66th
FREE FAIR**

1. Exhibits will get their entry card at each department where they wish to enter articles.
2. Open Class entries should be made Sunday, July 28, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
3. 4-H exhibits will be entered on Sunday, July 28, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - Youth hogs must be in place by 11:00 a.m.
 - Youth poultry and rabbits must be in place by 1:00 p.m.
 - Youth sheep and goats must be in place by 1:00 p.m.
 - Youth market beef must be in place by 3:00 p.m.
 - Youth breeding beef and bucket calves must be in place by 4:00 p.m.
4. Individuals or firms will be permitted to enter as many animals as they wish in any one Open Class.
5. No ribbon will be given out until animals are properly checked-in with the superintendent of that area. Animals judged according to merit.
6. All livestock owners will have their pens cleaned by 7:00 a.m. each day and put pen cleanings in the designated area.
7. Articles or livestock shown at previous fairs or not handcrafted by the exhibitor will not be eligible for exhibit.
8. Exhibit building will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
9. 4-H and Open Class exhibits will be released from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Premiums will be paid at that time for Open Class only.

IF YOU WANT SPACE

Either for exhibits or commercial booths, arrangements must be made at once! Even if you had a booth or exhibit last year, you must make a new reservation this year. Contact Laurie Johnson (308-940-3121) at once!

4-H AND FFA DEPARTMENT

1. It is the policy of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Merrick County 4-H Council not to discriminate on the basis of sex, age, handicap, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran status, national or ethnic origin or sexual orientation.
2. All exhibits are at the exhibitor's risk. The Merrick County Ag Society and Merrick County 4-H Council are not responsible for any damage, loss or death to an exhibit or animal.
3. If a project item or animal is shown at another county fair as a 4-H, FFA or Open Class project it is NOT eligible for competition in Merrick County. It will be disqualified.
4. Judges will place awards on the basis of merit. They will be instructed to use the group method similar to the plan followed by the Nebraska State Fair, whereby exhibits of nearly equal merit will receive equal ribbons.

Purple - Superior

Blue - Excellent

Red - Good

White - Needs Improvement

Orange- Flops

Lime Green- Afterschool Project

- The judges decision will be final in all classes. Awards will be given according to the rules and regulations set forth in this premium list.
5. 4-H AGE REGULATIONS - The age regulations for Merrick County 4-H membership as determined by the Merrick County 4-H Executive Council shall be that a member must be 8 years of age before Jan. 1 of the current year (turn 9 during the current year) and the last year of eligibility is 4-H age 18 on Jan. 1 (or the calendar year the member becomes 19).
 6. FFA members may exhibit livestock until the age of 21.
 7. 4-H and FFA members show together in livestock, crops and plant science. The total number of animals shown is indicated at the beginning of each species area. 4-H and FFA will follow the rules according to this fairbook.

CLOVER KIDS GUIDELINES:

- a) The 4-H Clover Kid Program is for youth between the ages 5 - 7 years old by January 1 of the current calendar year. 4-H Clover Kid exhibitors must be enrolled as a 4-H member by June 15..
- b) Clover Kid animal exhibits are to be no more than six months of age and no more than 350 pounds at time of show, with the exception of small animals (dog, cat, etc.) Age, size, and temperament of animal projects must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size. Clover Kids will only show in showmanship classes, no market or breeding classes. The horse project is not available for Clover Kids.
- c) Clover Kids may exhibit at the county fair and participate in 4-H contests receiving special ribbons with a premium of \$1.00. However, they will not be eligible for participation in the Livestock Sale, and will not be considered for any incentive, championship, trophy, medal or plaque competition on an individual basis. They will be considered as part of a club or group competition in such activities as booth, herdsmanship or performing arts contest.
- d) Clover Kids have a section where all of the projects are appropriate for their age, this section can be found on page 63.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS: An exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project they are exhibiting.

8. All 4-H exhibits that do not conform to the specifications, rules and regulations set forth in this premium list will drop one ribbon placing.
9. Be sure to check the number of entries per project and entry number for each division. **All divisions and sections other than livestock have only one entry per class number.**
10. Premiums will be paid when the 4-H member submits a completed Record Book/Career Portfolio to the Extension Office. Records are DUE in the Extension Office, October 1. Premium money will be available at the year-end 4-H Achievement Celebration. If premium money is not picked up by December 1, monies will be turned back to the Merrick County Ag Society.
11. An * indicates an exhibit is eligible for State Fair. All items eligible for State Fair must receive a purple ribbon. In classes where presence of the 4-Her is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations, and fashion show, a 4-H member must be 10 years of age by January 1, of the current year, or become 11 years of age during the current year. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19 years of age.
12. All exhibitors showing beef, dairy, meat goat, sheep, hogs, rabbits, poultry, cats, dogs and other small animals are required to wear the required 4-H/FFA T-Shirt. Exhibitors in the horse show will wear a white long sleeve shirt or blouse, and a 4-H armband. The 4-H armband may be purchased for \$3.00. Exhibitors of beef, dairy, meat goat, sheep, hogs, dogs, rabbits, poultry, cats and other small animals will show without any hats, caps or other headgear.
13. An exhibit or exhibitor must be at least blue ribbon quality before a rosette or award is awarded, and the judge must deem it worthy of the award.
14. Substance Abuse - Use or possession of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in 4-H/FFA at the Merrick County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.
15. PROTESTS
 - a. The respective division superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the Premium List, and these will be adhered to by all.
 - b. A committee shall be appointed to serve as a protest group. They will meet daily if needed to act upon concerns. All protests must be submitted in writing and signed.
 - c. Written protests must be submitted to the Extension Educator. He/She will then convene the committee for their deliberation.
 - d. The written protest must include:
 - i. Names of persons involved.
 - ii. Nature of concerns.
 - iii. Situation and documentation.
 - iv. Recommendations for correction.
 - v. Specific action, rule, etc. in question.
 - vi. Additional persons committee may contact for further clarification.
 - vii. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission to the Extension Educator.
 - e. The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show official to include county fair management if appropriate, to make a final decision. The committee will recommend appropriate action to management in writing. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.

- f. In case 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.
- g. The management reserves the right to withhold premium and/or award. The exhibitor may also be excluded from the show if action warrants.
- h. The appeals process is limited to the 4-H exhibitor, parent or volunteer leader.
- i. Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the 4-H Division.

4-H PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES AND 2019 MERRICK COUNTY FAIR

Feb. 7 (Thurs.)	6:00 p.m.	Junior Indoor Archery Contest - 4-H Building
Feb. 14 (Thurs.)	6:00 p.m.	Intermediate & Senior Indoor Archery Contest - 4-H Building
April 8 (Mon.)	6:30 p.m.	Public Speaking & PSA Contest - 4-H Building
April 14 (Sun.)	4:00 p.m.	BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol Contests - 4-H Building
April 15 (Sun.)	5:00 p.m.	DUE State Fair/Ak-Sar-Ben Market Beef DNA Envelopes - Extension Office
April 27 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	Shotgun Contest - Sportsman's Club
May 10 (Fri.)	5:00 p.m.	DUE State/District Horse Entry Forms, ID's and Levels Testing - Extension Office
May 20 (Mon.)	6:00 p.m.	Performing Arts & Presentation Contests - Cottonwood Estates, Central City
June 14 (Fri.)	5:00 p.m.	DUE ALL State Fair Livestock DNA Envelopes (except Market Beef) - Extension Office
	5:00 p.m.	DUE ALL Required County Animal ID's, YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) - Extension Office
July 10 (Wed.)	5:00 p.m.	DUE ALL Static, Animal, Clothing Pre-entries - Extension Office
July 13 (Sat.)	8:00 a.m.	Hunting Skills Contest - Fairgrounds
July 13 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	Outdoor Archery Contest - Fairgrounds
July 20 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	Bicycle Rodeo Contest - Fairgrounds
	1:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Roll Contest - 4-H Building
	3:00 p.m.	Culinary Challenge (Favorite Foods Revue) Contest - 4-H Building
July 23 (Tue.)	8:00 a.m.	Clothing Construction & Fashion Show Judging - 4-H Building
	7:30 p.m.	4-H Night - 4-H Building
July 27 (Sat.)	7:00 a.m.	4-H Horse Show - Indoor Arena
July 28 (Sun.)	8 a.m.-11 a.m.	Hog Weigh-in & Check-in
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Poultry & Rabbit Check-in
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Sheep & Goat Weigh-in & Check-in
	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Market Beef Weigh-in & Check-in
	1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Static Exhibit Check-in
	1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Bucket Calf Check-in, DUE Clover Kids Record/Story
	1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Breeding Beef Check-in, DUE Beef Production Books
	5:00 p.m.	Livestock Judging Contest
July 29 (Mon.)	7:30 a.m.	Hog Show: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Market, Breeding - Indoor Arena
	9:00 a.m.	Rabbit Show, Poultry Show immediately following - Poultry & Rabbit Barn
	1:30 p.m.	Sheep Show: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Market, Breeding - Indoor Arena
		Meat Goat Show immediately following: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Market, Breeding - Indoor Arena
	4:00 p.m.	Dairy Show: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Breeding - Indoor Arena
July 30 (Tue.)	7:30 a.m.	Beef Production Judging - Extension Office & Livestock Barn
	8:00 a.m.	Beef Show: 4-H Showmanship, FFA Showmanship, Clover Kids, Bucket Calves, Market, Feeder Calves, Breeding, Fitting Contest - Indoor Arena
July 31 (Wed.)	8:00 a.m.	4-H Dog Show - Check in begins in the Annex Building
	9:30 a.m.	FFA Tractor Driving Contest - Northwest corner of Fairgrounds
	11:00 a.m.	County Kid's Pet Show Sponsored by Merrick County 4-H Jr. Leaders. Any child may bring any pet to show. Show will be held on the concrete of the indoor arena. Please register pet 15 minutes prior to the show. Pets must be taken home immediately after the show.
	1:00 p.m.	Frog/Toad Jumping Contest Sponsored by Merrick County 4-H Jr. Leaders in front of old 4-H Building
	2:00 p.m.	4-H Cat Show, 4-H Companion Animal Show immediately following - Indoor Arena
	4:00 p.m.	4-H Overall Livestock Showman Contest - Indoor Arena
	5:45 p.m.	4-H & FFA Member Group Picture - Indoor Arena
	6:00 p.m.	Livestock Sale - Indoor Arena
August 1 (Thur.)	1 a.m.-10 a.m.	Release ALL Livestock
	6 a.m.-10 a.m.	Release ALL Poultry & Rabbit
	7 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	FREE EXHIBITOR & FAMILY BREAKFAST sponsored by Central City Area Chamber of Commerce
	8 a.m.-10 a.m.	Release ALL Static Exhibits
August 2 (Fri.)	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fair Recovery Extension Office Closed
Tentatively September 7 (Sat)	8:30 a.m.	Small Bore Rifle (.22) Contest and Pistol Pistol (.22) Contest - Sportsman's Club

SUPERINTENDENTS

Foods – TBD

Beyond the Needle – TBD

STEAM Clothing 1 & 2 – Candice Muller

STEAM Clothing 3 & Quilt Quest – Darcy Ray

Fashion Show – Kendra Jefferson & Jamie Wright

Home Environment – Lana Bushhousen & Sydney Bushhousen

Consumer & Family Sciences – Janice Stuhmer

Clover Kids – Nikki Ferraro

Agriculture, Environmental Science, Plant Science – Larry & Tracy Myers, Doug & Kelly McHargue

Horse – Russ & Carolyn Kucera

Trail Class – Violet Crouch

Hogs – Brian Jefferson & Isaac Jefferson

Sheep & Meat Goat – Craig Nelson & Jon Root

Beef – Kane Brandes & Ryan Kucera

Poultry & Rabbits – Gaylene & Wayne Bennett

Herdsmanship – Dylan Ferris

Cats & Companion Animal – Gaylene & Wayne Bennett

Dog – Kim & Travis Stuhmer

Overall Livestock Showman – Mikaela Wilshusen & Sara Umstead

Bicycle Rodeo – Brian Jefferson

BB Gun & Rifle – Ryan Zmek & Aaron Wells

Air Pistol & .22 Pistol – Brock Ekhoﬀ & Buck Umstead

Shotgun – Craig Nelson & Aaron Heins

Indoor Archery – Sara Umstead, Mike Siwinski & Aaron Blanchard

Outdoor Archery – Aaron Blanchard & Scott Goyette

Hunting Skills – Renee Ekhoﬀ

FFA Tractor Driving Contest – Gary Maresh

Livestock Judging Contest – Dennis Mottl, Juliana Kroeger, Darcy Ray & Jen Myers

FFA – Gary Maresh, Dennis Mottl, Juliana Kroger & Jessica Brondel

Air Pistol & Small Bore - Brock Ekhoﬀ & Buck Umstead

Indoor Archery - Sara Umstead, Mike Siwinski & Aaron Blanchard

Outdoor Archery - Aaron Blanchard & Scott Goyette

BB Gun & Rifle - Aaron Wells & Ryan Zmek

Hunting Skills - Renee Ekhoﬀ

Shotgun - Craig Nelson & Aaron Heins

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4-H Livestock & Animal Rules & Regulations

1. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**-Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Must be completed by June 15.
2. All exhibitors will receive pens and stalls free. However, if pens or stalls are not cleaned by Saturday following the fair, then \$5 will be deducted per stall or pen from individual or club ribbon money.
3. Stall assignments will be made prior to entry day. Each livestock exhibitor must make advance entries by July 10, 2019. This includes hogs, sheep, goats, beef, dairy, poultry and rabbits. If advanced entries are not made you may not be allowed to show your livestock. **All Cattle will remain stalled in the barns from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. so fair goers can enjoy the animals.**
4. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal. Substitute showmen are only allowed if exhibitor is injured or is seriously ill at the time of the show. Another exhibitor cannot show the animal just because they can handle the animal more appropriately. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, a substitute showman, who is exhibiting livestock at the Merrick County Fair is allowed.
5. If an animal becomes unruly and cannot be controlled by the exhibitor, he/she may be asked by the show superintendent or judge to leave the show arena. For the safety of all 4-H and FFA members, **parents or other non-members are not allowed in the show ring to help exhibit/show an animal. (For Clover Kids, one helper can help the Clover Kid member if room is available in the show ring)**
6. Livestock and Animal Ownership Affidavits must be certified on the appropriate forms due in the Merrick County Extension Office on or before:

April 15	Market Beef – State Fair/Ak-Sar-Ben
May 10	Horse – Districts/State Fair/Ak-Sar-Ben
June 14	County Only – ALL Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Hogs, Rabbits, Horse, Cat, Companion Animal, Dog
June 14	State Fair/Ak-Sar-Ben – Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Market & Breeding Goat, Market & Breeding Sheep, Market Hogs
7. After livestock has been weighed in at entry time there will be **NO RE-WEIGHING**. All animals not reaching the regulation weight will be shown in a feeder or underweight class. Premium money will be paid for ribbons awarded. These weights will be used for the Livestock Sale.
8. Steers, wethers or barrows showing masculine coarseness or evidence of late castration will be discriminated against by the judge. Cryptoids or partially castrated animals will be eliminated and not allowed to show. Any animal may be subject to inspection for physical alteration. If any animal is found to be altered physically they will be disqualified and forfeit all winnings and incentives. Inappropriate management practices as determined by superintendents and Extension Educators by either exhibitors, family members or others will result in disqualification of entry and/or exhibitor.
9. All livestock (sheep, goat, swine, beef) earning grand champion, champion, or reserve champion are subject to drug residue tests.- New in 2019!



PREMIUM LIVESTOCK SALE-All exhibitors must wear the appropriate 4-H/FFA Farm Bureau sponsored t-shirt for the Livestock Sale.

1. Sale Committee – Livestock Superintendents -Kane Brandes, Craig Nelson, Brian Jefferson, Gaylene Bennett. Volunteers - Gary Bader, Gordon Deichmann, Gary Maresh (FFA), Russ Kucera (Fairboard), Matt Mottl (4-H Council), Kevin Ohlman (Auctioneers)
2. Once the animal goes through the sale ring, it is “sold”. These are your choices: 1) Sell in auction for premium; 2) Not sold - take them home. Mark “state fair” if your animal is not for sale for butchering. The number of animals sold per individual is limited to: 1 market beef, 1 market sheep, 1 market goat, 1 market hog, 1 meat rabbit and 1 pen of three market broilers. **Sale entries must be in the Extension Office by 5 p.m. the day of their animal show.** Each member is expected to lead or drive his or her animal through the sale ring. Help may be needed for fryers, roasters and/or broilers which may be caged or carried. There is no limit on the premium paid to champion and reserve champion animals, except the premium paid on the reserve animal may not exceed that paid on the champion animal. The other bid limits above the market base have been set on the remainder of the animals as follows: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE BEFORE THE SALE)

(\$/lb)	P	B	R	W
Cattle	.30	.25	.23	.20
Hogs	.65	.55	.50	.45
Sheep	.90	.75	.65	.55
Goat	1.55	1.40	1.25	1.10
Poultry Pen of 3	75.00	50.00	40.00	30.00
Meat Rabbit	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00

SHOWMANSHIP

1. All 4-H exhibitors are automatically registered but not required to show in Showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animal that has been entered and will show in a market or breeding class, except Clover Kids. Showmanship judging is based on preparation of animals for show, their apparent training and the appearance and behavior of the showman. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the showman in presenting the animal before the judge that counts while individual excellence of the animal does not.
2. Clover Kid animal exhibits are to be no more than six months of age and no more than 350 pounds at time of show with the exception of small animals (dog, cat, etc.) Age, size, and temperament of animal projects must be appropriate for the exhibitor’s age and size. All Clover Kids will be allowed to show ONE time in a Clover Kid only class. Neither Clover Kids nor their animal will be ranked or placed. **ALL CLOVER KID SHOWS ARE NON-COMPETITIVE.** All Clover Kids are ineligible for incentives and awards. They will receive special ribbons and a premium of \$1.00. Clover Kids classes begin on page 63.
3. Beef and Dairy Showmanship will be “Blow and Go”. 4-Hers are encouraged to clip all livestock at home. All grooming at county fair will be “Blow and Go” which shall be washing and drying only. Animals will be shown without any cosmetic grooming supplies: this includes adhesives, waxes, coloring agents, coat dressing compounds and compounds normally applied to hooves, natural or synthetic fibers or any other items that would change or enhance the normal appearance of any animal.
4. The 4-H Showmanship Contest for each species will be divided into three divisions: Junior Division for 8-9 year olds; Intermediate Division for 10-13 year olds; and Senior Division for 14-18 years as of January 1 of the current year. FFA will have a showmanship class for any FFA members. FFA Showman are not eligible for the 4-H Overall Livestock Showman specie award or contest. Showmanship guidelines are found at the Extension Office. The 4-H Overall Livestock Showman for each species will be held before the judging of the livestock classes. Because the 4-H Overall Livestock Showman precedes the livestock shows, it does not mean that showmanship will not be considered during the showing of livestock classes. Showmanship finals will consist of the purple ribbon winners, which will come back for final showing. Gold and Silver Overall Showman pins will be presented by 4-H Council to each 4-H Animal Science Showmanship Class. The Superintendent or judge may disqualify any exhibitor for violation of rules or unsportsmanlike conduct.

4-H DEPARTMENT

ANIMAL SCIENCE

HERDSMANSHIP - Superintendent Dylan Ferris

PREMIUM: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$5.00; White \$3.00

Beef Dairy (Cattle/Goat) Meat Goats Sheep Hogs Rabbit Poultry

1. Livestock exhibits may be judged for herdsmanship at any time between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. A Herdsmanship Critique Sheet will be given out Sunday evening. Herdsmanship judging begins Monday morning.
2. Every 4-Her who exhibits an animal will be automatically entered into herdsmanship with their club. Club members are encouraged to work together. If not a part of a club they will be judged on an individual basis. Members are asked to provide their own cleaning tools.
3. Each class of livestock will be judged separately, and will be judged on merit and given ribbon placings. Each exhibitor is expected to perform a good job of proper manure removal, keep alleys clean, store feed and trappings, keeping animals and exhibits neat and attractive. Money will be awarded to the clubs with three or more exhibitors per species with the best herdsmanship. Champion rosettes will be awarded to independent members or clubs with two or less exhibitors per species with the best herdsmanship.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE SHEET-TOTAL POINTS 100

- 1.) Animals clean at all times with proper grooming apparent.
- 2.) Animals adequately cared for with proper feeding, clean and proper amount of bedding and adequate feeding equipment.
- 3.) Cattle securely tied with 18-20" of lead.
- 4.) Stalls and pens cleaned before 7:00 a.m.
- 5.) All Cattle need to be in the barns by 8:00 a.m.
- 6.) Feed equipment only in pen or stall at feeding time (should be removed by 8:00 a.m.).
- 7.) Chapter and exhibitor signs identifying stalls and tack area clearly in place.
- 8.) Tack and feed area clean and neatly arranged. Fork handles and similar equipment kept down.
- 9.) Grooming areas kept clean.
- 10.) Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times and at all places.
- 11.) Exhibitors are expected to do the herdsmanship.
- 12.) Exhibitors share of alley area kept clean; kept free of equipment; loose dirt and dust kept under control by proper sweeping and/or sprinkling.
- 13.) Alleys swept and clean by 8:00 a.m.
- 14.) Tie out areas must be clean at all times.



RATE OF GAIN CONTEST FOR BEEF, SHEEP AND GOATS

1. To be eligible for rate-of-gain, animals must have been weighed in at the official spring weigh-in for each species.
2. Final weight will be the weight taken at Fair weigh-in on July 28.
3. Contestants will be scored on the daily rate-of-gain formula.
4. In the event of a tie in the Rate-of-Gain Contest, Grand Champion will be awarded to the heavier animal recorded at spring weigh-in.

NO SWINE RATE OF GAIN

Grand Champion Beef Rate-of-Gain \$10.00

Grand Champion Lamb Rate-of-Gain \$10.00

Grand Champion Goat Rate-of-Gain \$10.00

HARD LUCK ANIMAL SCIENCE CLASS

HL-900-01. This class is for exhibits or exhibitors that cannot be shown in the project area. Ex. Show calf dies. Ex. Dog breaks a leg and vet says cannot compete in the dog show. Include story of what you planned on doing with the project, what happened, what you learned from the experience, need to include picture etc.

BEEF- Superintendents Kane Brandes & Ryan Kucera

- Breeding heifers cannot show as market heifers and market heifers cannot show as breeding heifers. All heifers will be shown as carried on Pre-Entry Sheets DUE July 10.
- An animal can only be entered in one class except Jr. Herd, Beef Production Books or Club Groups of Three.
- Contact Kane Brandes for assigned space for your blocking chutes and tie out pens. **No livestock tanks allowed on the fairgrounds.**

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP-See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

PREMIUMS: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

G-20-001. 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

G-20-002. 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

G-20-003. 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

G-20-004. FFA Showmanship age 14-21 years (not eligible for 4-H Overall Livestock Showman)

MARKET BEEF

- An exhibitor is limited to showing three (3) market beef.
- All county market beef need to be ID'd with an EID ear tag and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
- All State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben market beef need to be ID'd with an EID ear tag, have DNA samples turned into the Extension Office and submit entry online on or before April 15 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.
- All market steers shall have a minimum weight of 1000 lbs. All market heifers shall have a minimum weight of 900 lbs. All market beef that do not come up to these minimum weights will be shown in an underweight class and will not be eligible for purple ribbons.

PREMIUM: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$5.00; White \$3.00

***G-20-005.** Market Steers

***G-20-006.** Market Heifers

G-20-007. Home Raised Market Beef - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor. Exhibitors should note on their ID if the animal is eligible for the class. Limit of one animal.

FEEDER CALVES

- An exhibitor is limited to showing two (2) feeder calves.
- All county feeder calves need to be ID'd with an EID ear tag and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
- Feeder calves may be heifers, bulls and/or steers born during the current year, but before June 15. To be eligible, a feeder calf must have a birthdate on the ID sheet.
- All mother cows and calves must be halter broke and stall tied. Unweaned feeder calves are not required to stay.

PREMIUM: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$5.00; White \$3.00

G-20-008. Heifers (born Jan. 1-March 15)

G-20-010. Steers (born Jan. 1-March 15)

G-20-012. Bulls (born Jan. 1-March 15)

G-20-009. Heifers (born March 16-June 14)

G-20-011. Steers (born March 16-June 14)

G-20-013. Bulls (born March 16-June 14)

BREEDING BEEF

- An exhibitor is limited to three (3) breeding beef animals.
- All county breeding beef need to be ID'd with either a tattoo or County tag (EID allowed for FFA) and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 14. Calfhood vaccination tattoos are not acceptable for identification.
- All State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben breeding beef need to be ID'd with a tattoo and submit entry online on or before June 15 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. Calfhood vaccination tattoos are not acceptable for identification.
- There may be interbreed competition for registered breeding heifers. (Registration papers are required)
- Any breeding animal other than a registered breeding animal is eligible for commercial classes.

PREMIUM: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$5.00; White \$3.00

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Calf (born in 2019)	Yearling (born in 2018)	2 Yr. Old (born in 2017)	3-5 Yr. Old (born in 2014-2016)	
	Calf	Yearling	2 Yr. Old	3-5 Yr. Old
Registered	G-20-014	*G-20-015	*G-20-016	G-20-017
Commercial	G-20-018	*G-20-019	*G-20-020	G-20-021

Cow/Calf Pair-The cow and the calf must be shown together and they must both be halter broke.

G-20-022. Registered

G-20-023. Commercial

Junior Herd- must consist of 3 breeding animals. One of the animals must have produced a calf. The exhibitor must have owned the cow when she was bred for this calf. All 3 animals must be owned by one individual.

G-20-024 Registered (must be the same breed and have registration papers)

G-20-025 Commercial

G-20-026. Home Raised Breeding Beef - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor. Exhibitors should note on their ID if the animal is eligible for the class. Limit of one animal.

G-20-027. Beef Production- is open to breeding beef animals previously enrolled as 4-H and FFA project animals. Animals may be shown as individuals in other established classes. (Ex. A breeding heifer calf or feeder calf can show as an individual and show again as a cow and calf pair). Animals may be registered or commercial. An exhibitor is limited to one entry. The entry may consist of: Bred Heifer, Cow, Calf, or any combination.

- Beef Production record book is available at the Extension Office. Record books for beef production animals must be turned into the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday of entry day. A personal five minute interview will be scheduled for Tuesday, before the Beef Show.
- Beef Production displays will be exhibited on the 4-H members assigned pen at the fair. The instructions for this display are in the 4-H Beef Production record book.
- Beef Production exhibits will be evaluated using a scorecard as follows:
 - 35% Evaluation of production records
 - 35% Knowledge exhibited during interview
 - 30% Live placing

BUCKET CALF

- Each exhibitor will be limited to one (1) bucket calf entry.
- All county bucket calves need to be ID'd with a county ear tag and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
- A bucket calf is an orphan calf; fed on a bucket or bottle. Born during the current year, but before June 15. All calves must be halter broke and stall tied. Bucket calves cannot be used for beef showmanship.
- Classes will be divided by age of 4-Her and calves will be judged on a showmanship type evaluation. Classes may be split (if numbers warrant) according to age of calf: 1) calves born Jan. 1 to March 15; 2) calves born March 16 to June 14.
- Record sheet must be turned in on entry day. Record sheet may be used by the judge for questions.

EVALUATION GUIDE:

- 25% - Knowledge of subject (response to questions).
- 20% - Calf washed and groomed.
- 15% - Exhibitor's appearance and attitude.
- 10% - Response of calf to exhibitor.
- 10% - Response of exhibitor to judge or ringman's instructions.
- 10% - Courtesy toward other exhibitors.
- 10% - Speaking loud and clear to the judge when asked questions.

PREMIUM: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$5.00; White \$3.00

G-20-028. 8-9 years old as of Jan. 1

G-20-029. 10-13 years old as of Jan. 1

CLUB GROUP OF THREE CALVES

- A club may exhibit one (1) entry in each class.
- A club group of three calves owned by at least two different exhibitors may be shown accompanied by a herdsman. A calf may be in one group only.

PREMIUM: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$5.00; White \$3.00

G-20-030. Group of Three Market Calves - any breed or mixed breeds.

G-20-031. Group of Three Bucket or Feeder Calves - any breed or mixed breeds.

BEEF FITTING CONTEST *Pre-Entry is Required!*

PREMIUM: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$5.00; White \$3.00

G-20-032 - General rules:

- a) Teams to consist of three 4-H/FFA youth, ONE must be a Junior 4-H exhibitor.
- b) Teams must find a calf at fair to groom; must be entered as market or breeding.
- c) Teams must provide their own equipment; must fit in 5 gallon bucket.
- d) Chutes must be in arena before contest starts; exhibitor's responsibility.
- e) Generators can be used, and will be turned off after 30 minutes.
- f) Participants will have half an hour to blow, groom and prepare cattle for show.
- g) One member of the team will do the showmanship phase.
- h) All show sprays and adhesives are allowed.

DAIRY CATTLE- Superintendents Kane Brandes & Craig Nelson

DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

G-30-001. 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

G-30-002. 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

G-30-003. 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

G-30-004. FFA Showmanship age 14-21 years

DAIRY CATTLE

- A 4-H member is limited to six (6) animals. If the three (3) qualify as a herd they may be shown as a herd.
- All county dairy cattle need to be ID'd with an ID Sheet Drawing or photo turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
- All State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben dairy cattle need to be ID'd with an ID Sheet Drawing turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.
- Any lactating cow may arrive and be released the same day as the show or a stall may be requested and general livestock rules will apply.
- All other non-lactating animals must observe the general livestock rules.

PREMIUM: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$5.00; White \$3.00

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Spr. Calf -3-1-2019 to 4-30-2019

Smr. Yrlg. - 6-1-2018 to 8-31-2018

Wnt. Calf - 12-1-2018 to 2-28-2019

Spr. Yrlg. - 3-1-2018 to 5-31-2018

Fall Calf - 9-1-2018 to 11-30-2018

Wnt. Yrlg. - 12-1-2017 to 2-28-2018

Fall Yrlg. - 9-1-2017 to 11-30-2017
4 Yr. Old - 9-1-2014 to 8-31-2015

2 Yr. Old - 9-1-2016 to 8-31-2017
5 Yr. & Over - prior to 9-1-2014

3 Yr. Old - 9-1-2015 to 8-31-2016
Dry Cow - Any Age

Registered	Spr. Calf <u>*G-30-005</u>	Wnt. Calf <u>*G-30-006</u>	Fall. Calf <u>*G-30-007</u>	Smr. Yrlg. <u>*G-30-008</u>	Spr. Yrlg. <u>*G-30-009</u>	Wnt. Yrlg. <u>*G-30-010</u>	Fall. Yrlg. <u>*G-30-011</u>
Commercial	<u>*G-30-017</u>	<u>*G-30-018</u>	<u>*G-30-019</u>	<u>*G-30-020</u>	<u>*G-30-021</u>	<u>*G-30-022</u>	<u>*G-30-023</u>

	2 Yr. Old	3 Yr. Old	4 Yr. Old	5 Yr. & Over	Dry Cow
Registered	<u>*G-30-012</u>	<u>*G-30-013</u>	<u>*G-30-014</u>	<u>*G-30-015</u>	<u>*G-30-016</u>
Commercial	<u>*G-30-024</u>	<u>*G-30-025</u>	<u>*G-30-026</u>	<u>*G-30-027</u>	<u>*G-30-028</u>

Junior Herd- Exhibitors in the Junior Dairy Herd class will enter three females. At least one of the three must be a cow that has freshened and has been fresh long enough to have a projected 305 day M.E. At least one animal must qualify as "bred by exhibitor", and all three must be of the same breed. Production records to be used for scoring in the Junior Dairy Herd must meet the same criteria as those listed for Dairy Production Awards. No exceptions will be made. Dairy Herds may be either grade or registered.

G-30-029. Registered

G-30-030. Commercial

G-30-031. Home Raised Dairy Cattle - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor. Limit of one animal.

DAIRY GOAT- Superintendents Craig Nelson & Kane Brandes

DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP-See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

PREMIUMS: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

G-30-032. 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

G-30-033. 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

G-30-034. 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

G-30-035. FFA Showmanship age 14-21 years

DAIRY GOAT

- An exhibitor is limited to showing six (6) dairy goats.
- All county dairy goats need to be ID'd with a Scrapie Tag and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 14.

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

*G-30-036. Kid Does (born 9-1-2018 to 6-1-2019)

*G-30-037. Jr. Does (born 9-1-2017 to 8-31-2018) (if milking will show as Sr. Doe)

*G-30-038. Sr. Does (born before 9-1-2017)

G-30-039. Junior Herd - will consist of 3 animals. 1 must be in milk and 1 must be "bred by the exhibitor" and all to be the same breed.

G-30-040. Home Raised Dairy Goat - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor. Exhibitors should note on their ID if the animal is eligible for the class. Limit of one animal.

MEAT GOAT- Superintendents Craig Nelson & Jon Root

- Market goats cannot show in the breeding classes and the breeding does cannot show in the market classes
- No muzzles allowed. Goats are to be shown with smooth neck chains or smooth collars only.
- Goats must be uniformly slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less from the knee and up. Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.

MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

PREMIUMS: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

G-40-001. 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

G-40-002. 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

G-40-003. 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

G-40-004. FFA Showmanship Age 14-21 (not eligible for 4-H Overall Livestock Showman)

MARKET GOAT

- Exhibitor is limited to showing four (4) market goats.
- All county market goats need to be ID'd with an Scrapies Tag and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
- All State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben market goats need to be ID'd with a Scrapies Tag, have DNA samples turned into the Extension Office and submit entry online on or before June 15 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.
- Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs at check-in. Goats less than 50 lbs will be placed in an underweight class. Goats are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth.

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

*G-40-005. Market Goat - (wethers and does) - All market goats will be weighed and divided into classes.

G-40-006. Market Goat Pen of Three - To be owned and exhibited by one individual.

G-40-007. Home Raised Market Goat - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the

immediate family of the exhibitor. Exhibitors should note on their ID if the animal is eligible for the class. Limit of one animal.

BREEDING MEAT GOAT

- Exhibitor is limited to showing two (2) breeding does.
- All county breeding does need to be ID'd with a Scrapie Tag and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
- All State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben breeding does need to be ID'd with a Scrapie Tag and submit entry online on or before June 15 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Kid - born 9-1-2018 to 6-14-2019

Yearling - born 9-1-2017 to 8-31-2018

G-40-008. Registered Doe Kid

G-40-009. Registered Yearling Doe

G-40-010. Commercial Doe Kid

G-40-011. Commercial Yearling Doe

G-40-012. Home Raised Breeding Doe - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor. Exhibitors should note on their ID if the animal is eligible for the class. Limit of one animal.

SHEEP- Superintendents Craig Nelson & Jon Root

- Market lambs cannot show in the breeding classes and breeding lambs cannot show in the market classes.
- No muzzles allowed.

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

G-50-001. 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

G-50-002. 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

G-50-003. 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

G-50-004. FFA Showmanship Age 14-21(not eligible for 4-H Overall Livestock Showman)

MARKET LAMBS

- An exhibitor is limited to showing four (4) market lambs.
- All county market lambs need to be ID'd with a Scrapie Tag and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 14.
- All State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben market lambs need to be ID'd with a Scrapie Tag, have DNA samples turned into the Extension Office and submit entry online on or before June 14 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.
- All market lambs must weigh a minimum of 95 lbs. Animals not meeting these requirements will be placed in an underweight class and will not be eligible for purple ribbons.

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

*G-50-005. Market Lamb (wethers and ewes) - All market lambs will be weighed and divided into classes.

G-50-006. Pen of Three Market Lambs - To be owned and exhibited by one individual.

G-50-007. Home Raised Market Lamb - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor. Limit of one animal.

BREEDING EWES

- An exhibitor is limited to showing two (2) breeding sheep.
- All county breeding ewes need to be ID'd with a Scrapie Tag and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
- All State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben breeding ewes need to be ID'd with a Scrapie Tag and submit entry online on or before June 15 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Lamb - born after Sept. 1, 2018

Yearling - born between Sept. 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018

Aged - born before Sept. 1, 2017

	Lamb	Yrlg.	Aged
Registered	<u>*G-50-008</u>	<u>*G-50-009</u>	<u>G-50-010</u>
Commercial	<u>*G-50-011</u>	<u>*G-50-012</u>	<u>G-50-013</u>

G-50-014. Home Raised Breeding Ewe - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor. Exhibitors should note on their ID if the animal is eligible for the class. Limit of one animal.

MARKET AND BREEDING HOGS-Superintendents Brian Jefferson & Isaac Jefferson

- The Merrick County Fair Hog Show does not require a health certificate or a veterinarian to examine the hogs for the pseudorabies program. However, we recommend that no hogs return home. All animals that do return home be quarantined from the rest of the herd for a sufficient period of time, recommended by a veterinarian.
- Hogs must be shown without hair dressing compounds. This includes oil, powder or any other coat dressing compounds. Water is permitted.
- All county hogs need to be ID'd with an EID ear tag and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 14.

- All State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben market hogs need to be ID'd with an EID ear tag, have DNA samples turned into the Extension Office and submit entry online on or before June 14 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.
- An exhibitor is limited to showing six (6) total hogs.

HOGS SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

G-60-001. 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

G-60-002. 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

G-60-003. 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

G-60-004. FFA Showmanship Age 14-21(not eligible for 4-H Overall Livestock Showman)

MARKET HOGS

- All market hogs shown must weigh at least 225 lbs. Animals not meeting this minimum requirement will be placed in an underweight class and will not be eligible for a purple ribbon. All market hogs shown must not weigh more than 325 lbs or be placed in an overweight class.

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

***G-60-005.** Market Hog (barrows and gilts) - All market hogs will be weighed and divided into classes.

G-60-006. Home Raised Market Hog - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor. This class will take place following selection of the Champion and Reserve Champion market animals. Limit of one animal.

G-60-007. Pen of Three Market Hogs - To be owned and exhibited by one individual. Only one (1) pen of three may be entered.

BREEDING HOGS

- All breeding gilts have to be farrowed from December 1 of the previous year to May 31, of the current year.

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

***G-60-008.** Commercial Gilt

G-60-009 Purebred Gilt - To be eligible to show a purebred have to be registered also need to send in copy of registration papers (same date as entries due) Classes will be broken down into breeds if at least three of the same breed are available to have a class of a specific breed.

G-60-010. Home Raised Breeding Gilt - Home raised animals are defined as those animals that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor or purchased at one month of age or less. This class will take place following selection of the Champion and Reserve Champion market animals. Limit of one animal.

Educational Display for Animal Entries

4-Hers are invited to create a poster highlighting an educational aspect of their animal project. The poster could focus on a current livestock issue, animal industry career, animal care or health, economic impacts of the livestock industry. Posters will be displayed in the vestibule of the show arena as a way to increase the educational experiences of both the 4-H member and the general public increasing agricultural literacy and promoting good will at the Merrick County Fair. During the time when the corresponding animal is not stalled on the fairgrounds, the poster will be displayed in the 4-H Exhibit Building. In order to be eligible for the State Fair, posters must have been exhibited at the county fair and received a purple ribbon.

- Entries are limited to those that reference species that stall on the fairgrounds. Species include dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry and rabbit. (Horse, small animal and dog posters are not allowed in this division as they do not stall during the fair.
- Posters will be judged on static entry day when other static exhibits are judged.
- Poster display should be sturdy enough to last through the fair and no larger than 22 x 28 inches. Only standard poster board will be accepted. Foam Board or cardboard posters are discouraged. NOTE: Please take into consideration that these exhibits will be displayed inside the arena and may not be returned to the exhibitor in the original condition at the time of entry.
- All entries must match the specie of livestock they have entered at the county fair. For example, if a 4-Her is exhibiting beef, their entry must be about beef and not another species. Also a 4-Her is NOT required to exhibit their livestock/animal entry at the State Fair. The entry just needs to match the species that was exhibited at the county level.

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

G-001-001. Educational Display

HORSE- Superintendents Russ Kucera & Carolyn Kucera/Trail Superintendent Violet Crouch

- **4-Hers must be at least age 8 by January 1, 2019 to show in the 4-H Horse Show.**
- All horses to be shown at District, State or Ak-Sar-Ben must be identified on the 4-H Horse ID Sheet and be turned into the Extension Office by May 10. Horses being shown ONLY at the Merrick County Fair will need to be ID'd by June 14. Horses not identified will not be permitted to show.
- For procedure refer to 4H 373, "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide". A single horse may not be entered or ridden in a class or event by more than one person even though the horse is jointly owned by two members of the same family. An individual and/or horse may enter 1 Western Pleasure, 1 Western Horsemanship, 1 Hunter Under Saddle, 1 Hunt Seat Equitation, 1 Reining, 1 Pole Bending and 1 Barrel Racing. In addition, an individual and/or horse may enter 1 Ranch Riding, 1 Advanced Western Pleasure, 1 Advanced Hunter Under Saddle, 1 Advanced Western Pleasure, and 1 Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation 1 Showmanship, 1 Breakaway, 1 Tie Down, 1 Heading, 1 Heeling, 1 Trail class. Only one horse per entry number and one horse per Halter class.
- Entries must be made by July 10, 2019. **NO ADDED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE SHOW.** Check-in time will begin at 6:00 a.m., Saturday, July 27, 2019 with a 7:00 a.m. show time.

- There must be three (3) entries before a class will be held.
- 4-Hers are reminded to WALK their horses - no trotting and/or cantering near other livestock, people and buildings.

HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

G-70-001. 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

G-70-002. 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

G-70-003. 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

WALK-TROT CLASSES

- The following classes are open to 4-Hers 8-11 years of age and are beginning riders not ready for a lope. .

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

G-70-005. Walk-Trot Pleasure

G-70-006. Walk-Trot Horsemanship

G-70-007. Walk-Trot Trail

LIGHT HORSE HALTER CLASSES

- Stallions may show only in the year foaled.
- Horses become one year older on January 1, for show purposes.

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

	Fillies & Mares	Colts & Geldings
Weanling	<u>G-70-008</u>	<u>G-70-009</u>
Yearling	<u>G-70-010</u>	<u>G-70-011</u>
2 Yr. Old	<u>G-70-012</u>	<u>G-70-013</u>
3-5 Yr. Old	<u>G-70-014</u>	<u>G-70-015</u>
Aged	<u>G-70-016</u>	<u>G-70-017</u>

LIGHT HORSE PERFORMANCE CLASSES

- Guidelines for these classes are found in "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide" - 4-H 373 available at the Extension Office.

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

G-70-018. English Pleasure (all ages)

G-70-019. English Equitation/Horsemanship (all ages)

G-70-020. Hunter Hack (all ages)

	Jr. (8-11 yrs.)	Sr. (12-18 yrs)
Pleasure	<u>G-70-021</u>	<u>G-70-022</u>
Ranch Riding	<u>G-70-023</u>	<u>G-70-024</u>
Horsemanship	<u>G-70-025</u>	<u>G-70-026</u>
Trail	<u>G-70-027</u>	<u>G-70-028</u>
Barrel Racing	<u>G-70-029</u>	<u>G-70-030</u>
Pole Bending	<u>G-70-031</u>	<u>G-70-032</u>
Reining	<u>G-70-033</u>	<u>G-70-034</u>

- 4-H 373 lists the six (6) reining patterns. Patterns 1, 2 & 3 will be used for riders 8-11 yrs. and patterns 4, 5 & 6 will be used for riders 12-18 yrs.

ROPING

PREMIUM: Purple \$7.00; Blue \$6.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00

	Jr. (8-11 yrs.)	Sr. (12-18 yrs)
Calf Roping - Breakaway	<u>G-70-035</u>	<u>G-70-036</u>
Calf Roping - Tie Down	<u>G-70-037</u>	<u>G-70-038</u>
Dally Steer - Heading	<u>G-70-039</u>	<u>G-70-040</u>
Dally Steer - Heeling	<u>G-70-041</u>	<u>G-70-042</u>
Ground Roping (8-11 years)	<u>G-70-043</u>	

- NO barrier in roping classes.
- Ground Roping is designed for 4-Hers (8-11 yrs.) just beginning to rope. If this event is entered you may NOT enter the regular steer or calf roping or vice versa. Five (5) throws will be made to a dummy steer head in a bale of hay from at least eight (8) feet away with the individual standing on the ground. Individuals will be awarded ribbons on the best out of five. 4-H horse dress code applies to this class.

4-H OVERALL LIVESTOCK SHOWMAN-Superintendents Mikayla Wilshusen and Sara Umstead

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G-80-001. General Information: The contest will consist of the two top Senior 4-H showmen from the areas of: beef, sheep, hogs, meat goat and horse. Contest will default to top Intermediate 4-H showman if there are no Senior 4-H showman. The contest gives 4-H exhibitors a chance to learn about

other species of livestock and develop camaraderie and dialogue between exhibitors of different livestock species. The hope is that the showmen will take the time to learn about the other species they will show in the Overall Livestock Showman Contest. Judging will be based on ring etiquette, awareness of the judge, answering judge's questions, ability to follow instruction and appearance in the ring.

- If an exhibitor chooses not to participate we will not be accepting another exhibitor, same goes for if an exhibitor wins in more than one specie. The maximum amount of exhibitors is ten (10), but it could be less. If an exhibitor wins or receives a reserve place in more than one species showmanship class, they will choose the species they would like to represent.
- FFA Showman are not eligible for the 4-H Overall Livestock Showman.

POULTRY- Superintendents Gaylene Bennett & Wayne Bennett

- 4-H members are limited to two (2) entries per class with a limit of ten (10) total entries, plus, two (2) pens of broilers (pen of three).
- It is suggested that all cockerel, pullet, cock or hen entries be a fair representative of one of the breeds listed in the American Standard of Perfection. The minimum weights for light breeds, such as Leghorn is 3 lbs for pullets and 4 lbs for cockerels; 4 lbs for pullets and 5 lbs for cockerels in the heavy breeds.
- PENS -A pen of broilers or roasters shall consist of three male or three female birds, broilers 6-9 weeks of age, roasters 10 weeks or older. A pen of hybrid, crossbred or purebred egg production birds shall consist of three (3) sexually mature females. Pens of broilers or egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards.
- The rules for standard size chickens applies equally to bantams, waterfowl and turkeys, where applicable.
- All poultry shall be free of lice and mites when brought to the fair. Those not free of external parasites will be sent home.
- Members need to provide their own cleaning tools, bedding, feeders and waterers. Members and clubs must maintain proper herdsmanship or premium money will be withheld. 4-Hers are responsible for cleaning under the cages at the close of fair.

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

- Basis for judging showmanship is based on grooming and training the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird, primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the bird before the judge, the excellence of the bird is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. Check your 4-H Poultry Project Manual for more information.

PREMIUM: Purple \$1.50; Blue \$1.25; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

G-90-001. 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

G-90-002. 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

G-90-003. 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

G-90-004. FFA Showmanship Age 14-21

POULTRY

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	STANDARD	BANTAMS
Cockerels	<u>*G-90-005</u>	<u>*G-90-006</u>
Cocks	<u>*G-90-007</u>	<u>*G-90-008</u>
Pullets	<u>*G-90-009</u>	<u>*G-90-010</u>
Hens	<u>*G-90-011</u>	<u>*G-90-012</u>

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Cockerel - hatched during 2019

Pullet - hatched during 2019

Cock - hatched prior to 2019

Hen - hatched prior to 2019

*G-90-013. Pen (Broilers)

G-90-014. Pen (Roasters)

*G-90-015. Pen (Egg Production)

*G-90-016. Young Tom Turkey

*G-90-017. Young Hen Turkey

*G-90-018. Young Gander

*G-90-019. Young Goose

*G-90-020. Young Drake

*G-90-021. Young Duck

RABBITS- Superintendents Gaylene Bennett & Wayne Bennett

- A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting three (3) rabbits per class, six (6) total rabbits.
- All county rabbits need to be ID'd with a tattoo in either ear and County ID Sheet turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
- Members need to provide their own cleaning tools, bedding, feeders and waterers. Members and clubs must maintain proper herdsmanship or premium money will be withheld. 4-Hers are responsible for cleaning under the cages at the close of fair.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

- Basis for judging showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the rabbit, primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge, the excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. Check your 4-H Rabbit Project Manual for more information.

PREMIUM: Purple \$1.50; Blue \$1.25; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

G-100-001. 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

G-100-002. 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

G-100-003. 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

BREEDING RABBITS

PREMIUM: Purple \$1.50; Blue \$1.25; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

	Does	Bucks
Jr. (under 6 mo.)	<u>*G-100-005</u>	<u>*G-100-006</u>
Sr. (over 6 mo.)	<u>*G-100-007</u>	<u>*G-100-008</u>

MEAT RABBITS

PREMIUM: Purple \$1.50; Blue \$1.25; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

- *G-100-009, Fryer- Not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3½ pounds. Maximum weight 5½ pounds.
- *G-100-010, Roaster- Must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight of 5½ pounds. Maximum weight 9 pounds.

COMPANION ANIMAL- Superintendents Gaylene Bennett & Wayne Bennett

- Not more than four (4) small pets may be entered by any exhibitor.
- Animals shall be free of fleas, ticks, mites, lice or other parasites. Animals shall be free of contagious diseases. Any animal showing signs of parasites or disease will not be judged. Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies.
- Animals eligible for the show - This lot cannot duplicate animals that are exhibited in other lots. Therefore, no dogs, rabbits or poultry will be permitted in this show.
- Exhibitors are required to be present during the judging of their exhibit. Score is based on presentation, handling of animal and exhibitor knowledge.

PREMIUM: Purple \$1.50; Blue \$1.25; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

<u>G-110-001</u> , Rat	<u>G-110-002</u> , Ferrets	<u>G-110-003</u> , Chinchilla
<u>G-110-004</u> , Guinea Pig	<u>G-110-005</u> , Gerbil	<u>G-110-006</u> , Hamster
<u>G-110-007</u> , Mouse	<u>G-110-008</u> , Hedgehog	<u>G-110-009</u> , Small Animal Poster
<u>G-110-010</u> , Reptile	<u>G-110-011</u> , Fish	<u>G-110-012</u> , Amphibians
<u>G-110-013</u> , Birds-Pigeons, Parakeets, etc.		<u>G-110-014</u> , Other Small Animal

CAT- Superintendents Gaylene Bennett & Wayne Bennett

- ALL CATS MUST BE SHOWN ON A LEASH and must be on a leash any time they are removed from the carrier/cage. Refer to 4-H Cat/Small Animal Show Guidelines (4H341).
- If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. Cats shall be free of fleas, lice, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal or external parasite or infectious disease. If any signs of external parasites or other contagious health conditions are present, exhibitor will be asked to leave without being allowed into the show area.
- Cats are required to be current on rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis and calicivirus vaccinations. Cats must have a current feline leukemia vaccination OR proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show. Participants must have their veterinarian fill out and sign the "Nebraska 4-H Certification of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets". 4-Hers vaccinating their own cats must provide proof by including the vaccination labels on the form and have it signed. The rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given ONLY by a veterinarian. The vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian signature on the Vaccination Record and turned in by July 10.
- Exhibitors are required to be present during the judging of their exhibit. Score is based on presentation, handling of animal and exhibitor knowledge.

CAT SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

PREMIUM: Purple \$1.50; Blue \$1.25; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

- G-120-001, 8-9 years as of Jan. 1
- G-120-002, 10-13 years as of Jan. 1
- G-120-003, 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

DOG- Superintendents Kim Stuhmer & Travis Stuhmer

- All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. Where age permits, all dogs must have had their rabies shot. Dogs in season will not be allowed to show. Participants must have their veterinarian fill out and sign the "Nebraska 4-H Certification of Vaccination for Dogs". 4-Hers vaccinating their own dogs must provide proof by including the vaccination labels on the form and have it signed. The rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given ONLY by a veterinarian. The vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian signature on the Vaccination Record and turned in by July 10.
- Procedures described in 4-H 420 "Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Show" will be followed.
- Each class will be judged on handler's appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of dog (20%), coordination of the dog and handler (50%), and general knowledge (20%).

DOG SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 7.

PREMIUM: Purple \$1.50; Blue \$1.25; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

- G-130-001, 8-9 years as of Jan. 1

***G-130-002.** 10-13 years as of Jan. 1

***G-130-003.** 14-18 years as of Jan. 1

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

- **BEGINNING NOVICE**-All exercises must be performed on a six-foot leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; Stand for examination; come on recall; long sit and long down.

PREMIUM: Purple \$4.00; Blue \$3.00; Red \$2.00; White \$1.00

***G-130-004.** BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION A - exhibitor and dog is in first year of competition (started Dog Project after October 1, 2014).

***G-130-005.** BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION B - exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.

***G-130-006.** NOVICE - Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash, heel free; come on recall off leash, long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash.

***G-130-007.** GRADUATE NOVICE - Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight.

***G-130-008.** ADVANCED GRADUATE NOVICE – heel on leash and figure 8 (off leash), drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and long down.

***G-130-009.** OPEN-All exercises off leash. Heel free and figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes, both with handler out of sight. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420 for jump heights/distances.

***G-130-010.** GRADUATE OPEN – signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out, and directed jumping.

***G-130-011.** UTILITY - The dog will perform five exercises- the signal exercise; the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal objects; the directed retrieve; moving stand and examination; directed jumping. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.

AGILITY CLASSES

- Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420 <http://go.unl.edu/4h420> Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420 <http://go.unl.edu/4h420> - to determine class entry. If a youth has not had training or practiced on agility equipment, they may not enter a competition due to safety and training experience in agility. Level 1 & 2 Agility classes are run on leash. Level 3, 4, and 5 are all run off leash. One of each obstacle noted in each level are mandatory and duplicate obstacles may be added to make up quantities of obstacles in each level. Obstacle equipment needing repair or deemed unsafe by judge will be excluded from the competition. Judges determine the arrangements of the obstacles on the course. Obstacles in course should be numbered to note the obstacle order for the course. Course maps will be made available and posted at time of show registration in designated area(s). Level 5 – youth can use additional equipment for competition that they have access to and can use in practice. Obstacles that are used for agility competition events may be included from (AKC, CPE, USDAA, NADAC, UKC, etc....) Agility Jump heights – measure dogs at withers to determine jump height: Dogs 11 inches or less – 4 inches, Dogs over 11 inches up to and including 14 inches – 8 inches, Dogs over 14 inches up to and including 18 inches – 12 inches, Dogs over 18 inches – 16 inches.

PREMIUM: Purple \$4.00; Blue \$3.00; Red \$2.00; White \$1.00

***G-130-012.** LEVEL 1 – 6 obstacles – 3 bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, and tunnel (open).

***G-130-013.** LEVEL 2 – 10 obstacles – several bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump and tire jump (hoop jump).

***G-130-014.** LEVEL 3 – 10 obstacles – same obstacles as Level 2 but dogs run off leash for Level 3.

***G-130-015.** LEVEL 4 – 13 obstacles – bar jump which has one bar each, bar jump which has two bars each, tall dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), and tire jump (hoop jump).

***G-130-016.** LEVEL 5 – 15 – 20 of any of the following obstacles such as: bar jump which has one bar each, bar jump which has two bars each, tall dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump, A-frame short, A-frame tall, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), weave poles (double set with 12 poles), and tire jump (hoop jump) broad jump, dump jump, triple bar jump, swing bridge, crawl, etc.... Number of obstacles used for a course will depend on ring size and available equipment at show site. Course layout may include more advanced handling techniques.

VETERINARY SCIENCE-Superintendents Larry Myers & Billy Jo Tomasek

- The purpose of the Veterinary Science display is to inform the public about a common health problem of animals or a veterinary science principle. The display may represent material from any of the Animal Disease or Animal Health. Do not confuse the Veterinary Science exhibit topics with animal husbandry or production topics.
- If photographs are to be part of the exhibit, remember that they will be viewed by the public. Make sure that the photographs are in good taste and will not be offensive to anyone. Graphic photographs of excessive bleeding, trauma or painful procedures are not appropriate. For exhibits related to veterinary surgical procedures, aseptic techniques need to be shown, for example, use of drapes, use of sterile procedures, wearing of gloves, and other appropriate veterinary medical practices.
- **First Aid Kits:** Because of public safety concerns and risk of theft of first aid kit contents (veterinary drugs/equipment) with perceived potential for drug abuse, NO ANIMAL FIRST AID KITS WILL BE PERMITTED. Animal first aid kits submitted will be immediately disqualified and not shown.
- **Veterinary Science Posters** - This exhibit presents the viewer with a design that is simple and direct, unlike a display that usually presents more information. A poster should not exceed 22"x 28" and may be either vertical or horizontal.
- **Veterinary Science Displays** - A display may include but it not limited to: a 3-dimensional exhibit, a scale model, the actual product (for example: skeleton; teeth; samples of leather, fur, or dried skin damaged by disease or parasites) or a notebook. A display is not a poster. A display may be mounted on poster board not to exceed 22"x 28" or on 1/4" plywood or equivalent that does not exceed 24" high or 32" wide.
- **Appropriate Veterinary Science Topics:** Maintaining health; Specific disease information; Photographic display of normal and abnormal characteristics of animals; Animal health or safety; Public health or safety; Proper animal management to ensure food safety & quality; Efficient and safe livestock working facilities; Or a topic of the exhibitors choosing related to veterinary medicine or veterinary science.

- IMPORTANT, since these are science displays, all references and information needs to be properly cited.

PREMIUM: Purple \$2.50; Blue \$2.00; Red \$1.50; White \$1.00

*H-840-001, 4-H Veterinary Science Large Animal Poster or Display

*H-840-002, 4-H Veterinary Science Small Animal/Pet Poster or Display