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**WELCOME TO
2022 MERRICK COUNTY FAIR
JULY 30, 31 AUGUST 1-3
4-H, FFA & OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS**

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS
MERRICK COUNTY'S 69th
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 31, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
3. 4-H static exhibits will be entered on **Thursday, July 28, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday July 29, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Saturday, July 30, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
Livestock exhibits will be entered Sunday, July 31
 - Youth poultry and rabbits must be in place by 10:00 a.m.
 - Youth hogs must be in place by 11:00 a.m.
 - Youth sheep and goats must be in place by 1:00 p.m.
 - Youth market beef must be in place by 2:30 p.m.
 - Youth breeding beef must be in place by 3:30 p.m.
 - Youth bucket calves must be in place by 4:00 p.m.
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 8:00 a.m. each day and put pen cleanings in the designated area.
7. Exhibit building will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
8. 4-H and Open Class exhibits will be released from 8:00 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 Russ Kucera 308-940-1013.

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 based on 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's fair as a 4-H or FFA project, it is **NOT** eligible for competition in Merrick County. It will be disqualified.
- 4) Judges will place awards based on 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. The judge's decision will be final in all classes. Awards will be given according to the rules and regulations set forth in this premium list.

Purple - Superior Blue - Excellent Red - Good White - Needs Improvement Orange- Flops Lime Green- Afterschool Project

- 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 on December 31st of the previous year (turn 9 during the current year) and the last year of eligibility is 4-H age 18 on December 31st (or the calendar year the member becomes 19).
- 6) FFA members may exhibit livestock until the age of 21. Enrollment must be confirmed with the FFA Advisor. Annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) must be completed online at yqca.org by July 11.
- 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: Clover Kids classes can be found on page 60.

- 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 competition in such activities as herdsmanship, performing arts or club contest.

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 projects other than livestock have only one entry per class number.**
- 10) Premiums will be paid when the 4-H member submits a completed Achievement Application to the Extension Office **by 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. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19 years of age.
- 12) All exhibitors showing any animals are required to wear the required 4-H/FFA T-Shirt, black/blue jeans, and closed toe shoes. Hats, caps or other headgear are prohibited. Exhibitors in the horse show will wear a long white sleeve shirt or blouse, dark blue jeans, boots, hat and a 4-H armband. The 4-H armband may be purchased for \$3.00.
- 13) An exhibit or exhibitor must be at least purple 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. Written protests must be submitted to the Extension Educator. He/She will then convene the committee for their deliberation.
 - c) 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. **(two Fairboard, two 4-H Council)**
 - vii) Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission to the Extension Educator.
 - d) The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show officials 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.
 - e) 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.
 - f) The management reserves the right to withhold premium and/or award. The exhibitor may also be excluded from the show if action warrants.
 - g) The appeals process is limited to the 4-H/FFA exhibitor, 4-H/FFA parent or registered 4-H volunteer leader.
 - h) Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the 4-H Division.

**4-H PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES AND
2022 MERRICK COUNTY FAIR**

All dates, times, and contest/show formats are subject to change. Stay up to date on changes at merrick.unl.edu.

Feb. 10 (Thurs.)	6 p.m.	Junior Indoor Archery Contest - 4-H Building
Feb. 26 (Sat.)	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Market Beef Weigh-in & Rate-of-Gain - Central City Veterinary Clinic
Feb. 17 (Thurs.)	6 p.m.	Intermediate & Senior Indoor Archery Contest - 4-H Building
April 4 (Mon.)	6:30 p.m.	Public Speaking & Presentation Contests - 4-H Building
April 23 (Sat.)	1 p.m.	Shotgun Contest - Sportsman's Club
May 6 (Fri.)	5 p.m.	ALL District/State Horse Entry Forms, ID's, and Levels Testing DUE to Extension Office
May 19 (Thurs.)	5 p.m.-7 p.m.	Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-in & Rate-of-Gain Contest - Indoor Arena
June 6 (Mon.)	5 p.m.-7 p.m.	Market Beef Weigh-in (<i>last one</i>) - Central City Veterinary Clinic
June 13 (Mon.)	5 p.m.-7 p.m.	Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-in (<i>last one</i>) - Indoor Arena
June 15 (Wed.)	5 p.m.	ALL 4-H and FFA Required County Animal ID's DUE to the Extension Office
		ALL 4-H and FFA State Fair Livestock DNA Envelopes DUE to the Extension Office
July 11 (Mon.)	5 p.m.	ALL 4-H and FFA Static, Animal, Clothing Pre-entries DUE to the Extension Office
		ALL 4-H and FFA YQCA training complete
		Vaccination records DUE for cats, dogs and ferrets
July 23 (Sat.)	10 a.m.	Ice Cream Roll Contest - 4-H Building
July 26 (Tue.)	8:00 a.m.	Clothing Construction & Fashion Show Judging - 4-H Building
	7:30 p.m.	4-H Night - 4-H Building
	7:30 p.m.	Performing Arts - 4-H Building
July 28 (Thurs.)	1 p.m.-5 p.m.	Static Check-in - 4-H Building
July 29 (Fri.)	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Static Check-in - 4-H Building
July 30 (Sat.)	6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	4-H Food Stand Open
	6 a.m.-7 a.m.	Horse Show Check-in - Indoor Arena
	7 a.m.	Horse Show - Indoor Arena
	8 a.m.-12 p.m.	Static Check-in - 4-H Building
July 31 (Sun.)	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	4-H Food Stand Open, 4-H Building closed for Judging
	8 a.m.-11 a.m.	Hog Weigh-in & Check-in - Hog Barn
	8 a.m.-10 a.m.	Poultry & Rabbit Check-in - Poultry and Rabbit Barn
	11 a.m.	Poultry & Rabbit Show - Indoor Arena
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Goat & Sheep Weigh-in & Check-in - Southside Livestock Barn
	1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Market Beef Weigh-in & Check-in - Northside Livestock Barn
	1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Open Class Exhibit Check-in - 4-H Building
	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Breeding Beef Check-in, DUE Beef Production Books - Northside Livestock Barn
	3:30-4 p.m.	Bucket Calf Check-in, DUE Clover Kids Record/Story - Northside Livestock Barn
	4 p.m.	Livestock Judging Contest - Indoor Arena
August 1 (Mon.)	7 a.m.-9 p.m.	4-H Food Stand Open, 4-H Building Open
	7:30 a.m.	Hog Show: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Market, Breeding - Indoor Arena
	1:30 p.m.	Meat Goat Show: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Market, Breeding
	3:00 p.m.	Sheep Show or immediately following Meat Goat Show: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Market, Breeding - Indoor Arena
August 2 (Tue.)	7 a.m.-9 p.m.	4-H Food Stand Open, 4-H Building Open
	8 a.m.	Beef Show: 4-H Showmanship, FFA Showmanship, Clover Kids, Bucket Calves, Feeder Calves, Market, Breeding - Indoor Arena
August 3 (Wed.)	7 a.m.-9 p.m.	4-H Food Stand Open
	8 a.m.	Dog Show & Check-in - Annex Building
	10 a.m.	Bicycle Rodeo Contest - Airport
	11 a.m.	Dog Agility - Indoor Arena
	12 p.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 at the Annex Building. Please register pet 15 minutes prior to the show. Pets must be taken home immediately after.
	12:30 p.m.	Cat & Companion Animal Check-in - Indoor Arena
	1 p.m.	Cat & Companion Animal Show - Indoor Arena
	2 p.m.	4-H Overall Livestock Showman Contest - Indoor Arena
	5:45 p.m.	4-H & FFA Member Group Picture - Indoor Arena
	6 p.m.	Livestock Sale - Indoor Arena
	8 p.m.	Release ALL Static Exhibits - 4-H Building
August 4 (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 CC Area Chamber of Commerce
	8 a.m.-10 a.m.	Release ALL Static Exhibits
	12 p.m.	Extension Office Closed - Fair Recovery
August 5 (Fri.)	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Extension Office Closed - Fair Recovery

SUPERINTENDENTS

- Foods – Angela Blomstedt
- Sew for Fun, STEAM Clothing 1, 2, 3, Quilt Quest – Amy Greving & Nicole Greving
- Beyond the Needle, Knitting, Crochet, Weaving – Darcy Ray & Candice Muller
- Fashion Show – Kendra Jefferson & Jamie Wright
- Home Environment – Kelly & Doug McHargue
- Consumer & Family Sciences – Nikki Ferraro
- Clover Kids – Jr. Leaders
- SET, Ag & Earth Sciences – Beth Johnson
- Plant Science – Bailey Jefferson
- Horse – Russ & Carolyn Kucera
- Hog – Brian Jefferson & Isaac Jefferson
- Meat Goat & Sheep – Craig Nelson & Jon Root
- Beef – Kane Brandes & Ryan Kucera
- Poultry & Rabbits – Mollie Nielsen
- Herdsmanship – Dylan Ferris
- Overall Livestock Showman – Mikaela Stuart & Alex Stocker
- Cat & Companion Animal – Mollie Nielsen
- Dog – Kim & Travis Stuhmer
- Bicycle Rodeo – Jen Myers
- Livestock Judging Contest – Payden Woodruff, Darcy Ray & Jen Myers
- FFA – Juliana Kroger, Payden Woodruff, Jessica Brondel, Alex Stocker, Katie Hornung
- Shotgun – Craig Nelson & Aaron Heins
- Indoor Archery – Sara Umstead & Brian Thomas
- Outdoor Archery – Aaron Blanchard
- Air Pistol & Small Bore – TBD
- BB Gun & Rifle – TBD
- Hunting Skills – TBD

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- Supernaw Law Office
- The Dentist
- Tom & Eve Reimers
- Trav's U-Save Pharmacy
- Vlcek Gardens, Inc
- Walts Aerial Spraying

4-H Livestock & Animal Rules & Regulations

- 1) **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**-Nebraska 4-H and FFA requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through YQCA. Must be completed by July 11 to the Extension Office or FFA Advisor.
- 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 from Ag Society.
- 3) Stall assignments will be made prior to entry day. Each livestock exhibitor must make advance entries by July 11, 2022. This includes hogs, sheep, goats, beef, 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, and must wear the official attire of that show.
- 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 ring).**
- 6) The following deadlines are in place for livestock information:
 - **May 6th:** District/State Horse Show entries due online by 5 pm (<https://4h.unl.edu/state-horse-expo-entry>); Horse Level Testing due to the Extension Office for District/State competition; District/State Horse ID's due to the Extension Office.
 - **June 15th:** All ID nomination forms, including horse, market & breeding beef, cow/calf pairs, feeder & bucket calves, market & breeding sheep, meat & dairy goats, swine and rabbits, as well as Premises ID's, are due to the Extension Office by 5 pm; All online ID nominations for State Fair must be completed (go to showstockmgr.com); DNA envelopes for State Fair market animal nominations are due to the Extension Office by 5 pm
 - **July 11:** All County Fair Entries and Small Animal Vaccination Forms are due to the Extension Office by 5 pm
- 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 supreme, champion, or reserve champion are subject to drug residue tests.

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, Mollie Nielsen. Volunteers - Kirk Bader, Don Benner, Juliana Kroeger (Palmer FFA), Alex Stocker/Jessica Brondel (CC FFA), Russ Kucera (Fairboard), Matt Mottl (4-H Council), Kevin Ohlman (Auctioneers), Tammy Stuhr (Extension)
 - 2) Once the animal goes through the sale ring, the premium is “sold”. 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 |
- 3) If an exhibitor has a second champion or reserve champion in the same species, then the exhibitor has the option of taking the animal through the sale with proceeds going to 4-H Foundation of Merrick County.

SHOWMANSHIP

- 1) Exhibitors must show their own animal that has been entered, 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. **ALL CLOVER KID SHOWS ARE NON-COMPETITIVE.** Clover Kid guidelines are on page 3. Clover Kids classes begin on page 61.
- 3) Beef 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) Showmanship guidelines are found at the Extension Office. 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-year-olds as of January 1 of the current year. FFA will have a showmanship class for any FFA members who have paid their chapter dues. The Superintendent or judge may disqualify any exhibitor for violation of rules or unsportsmanlike conduct. Showmanship will be considered during the showing of all livestock classes
- 5) The 4-H Overall Showmanship Award consists of the champions of each 4-H age division (junior, intermediate, senior) who come back for finals. This award will be held immediately after each species showmanship class. Gold and Silver Overall Showman pins will be presented to each 4-H showmanship species. FFA Showman are not eligible for the 4-H Overall Showman Award or 4-H Overall Livestock Showman Contest (seniors only).
- 6) At the end of each show, an Outstanding Exhibitor will be awarded. Only one per species is awarded.

4-H DEPARTMENT

ANIMAL SCIENCE

HERDSMANSHIP- Superintendent Dylan Ferris

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

Beef Goats Sheep Hogs Rabbit Poultry

1. Livestock exhibits may be judged for herdsmanship at any time between 8:00 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 species of livestock will be judged separately and will be judged on merit. 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. Money 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 must be 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 GOAT

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 check in day.
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, Champion will be awarded to the heavier animal recorded at spring weigh-in.

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

Market Steers Market Heifers Market Lamb Market Goat **NO SWINE**

HARD LUCK

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 the vet says it cannot compete in the dog show. Include the story of what you planned on doing with the project, what happened, what you learned from the experience, need to include pictures, etc. Orange ribbon will be awarded with a premium of \$10.00.

BEEF- Superintendents Kane Brandes & Ryan Kucera

1. 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).
2. Breeding heifers cannot show as market heifers and market heifers cannot show as breeding heifers as identified June 15th.
3. An animal can only be entered in one class except Jr. Herd or Club Groups of Three.
4. 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 6.

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

G-20-001. Junior 8-9-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-20-002. Intermediate 10-13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-20-003. Senior 14-18-year-olds as of Jan.1

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

MARKET BEEF

1. An exhibitor is limited to showing three (3) market beef.
2. ALL county market beef needs to be ID'd with an EID tag and County ID Sheet with a clear photo at a Merrick County Beef Weigh Day.
3. 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 June 15 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.
4. 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 does not come up to these minimum weights will be shown in an underweight class and will not be eligible for purple ribbons, however will be eligible to go through the sale.

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

1. An exhibitor is limited to showing two (2) feeder calves.
2. ALL county feeder calves need to be ID'd with a GREEN county EAR TAG and County ID Sheet along with a picture turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
3. 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.
4. 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-20-009, Heifers (born March 16-June 14)

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

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

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

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

BREEDING BEEF

1. An exhibitor is limited to three (3) breeding beef animals. Breeding beef do not need to be weighed.
2. ALL county breeding beef need to be ID'd with either a tattoo or RED county EAR TAG (EID allowed for FFA) and County ID Sheet with a picture turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15. Calfhood vaccination tattoos are not acceptable for identification.
3. To show in a registered class, a copy of the registration paperwork must be included with the County ID Sheet.
4. 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.

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

CLASSIFICATIONS:

	Calf (born in 2022)	Yearling (born in 2021)	2 Yr. Old (born in 2020)	3-5 Yr. Old (born in 2017-2019)
Registered	<u>G-20-014</u>	<u>*G-20-015</u>	<u>*G-20-016</u>	<u>G-20-017</u>
Commercial	<u>G-20-018</u>	<u>*G-20-019</u>	<u>*G-20-020</u>	<u>G-20-021</u>
Bulls	<u>G-20-022</u>			

G-20-023, Cow/Calf Pair-The cow and the calf must be shown together, and they must both be halter broke.

G-20-024, 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-20-025, 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.

BUCKET CALF-Based solely on showmanship

1. Each exhibitor will be limited to one (1) bucket calf entry.
2. ALL county bucket calves need to be ID'd with an ORANGE county EAR TAG and County ID Sheet with a picture turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
3. 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.**
4. 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.
5. Record sheet must be turned in on entry day. Record sheet may be used by the judge for questions.
6. Record sheet is required however there will be a separate ribbon for the record sheet and a separate ribbon for showing the bucket calf.

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-20-026. Bucket Calf Story 8-9 year olds

G-20-027. Bucket Calf Story 10-13 year olds

G-20-028. 8-9-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-20-029. 10-13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

CLUB GROUP OF THREE CALVES

1. A club may exhibit one (1) entry in each class.
2. 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.
3. Calves may be any breed or mixed breeds

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

G-20-030. Group of Three Market Calves

G-20-031. Group of Three Bucket

G-20-032. Group of Three Feeder Calves

MEAT GOAT- Superintendents Craig Nelson & Jon Root

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).
2. Market goats cannot show in the breeding classes and the breeding does cannot show in the market classes.
3. Goats are to be shown with smooth neck chains, smooth collars or show halters.
4. 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 6.

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

G-40-001. Junior 8-9-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-40-002. Intermediate 10-13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-40-003. Senior 14-18-year-olds as of Jan. 1

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

MARKET GOAT

1. Exhibitor is limited to showing four (4) market goats.
2. ALL county market goats need to be ID'd with a SCRAPIE TAG and County ID Sheet with a clear photo at a Merrick County Weigh Day.
3. 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.
4. 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 weight 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 home raised. Limit of one animal.

BREEDING MEAT GOAT

1. Exhibitor is limited to showing two (2) breeding does.
2. ALL county breeding does need to be ID'd with a SCRAPIE TAG and County ID Sheet along with a picture turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
3. To show in a registered class, a copy of the registration paperwork must be included with the County ID Sheet.
4. 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 9-1-2021 to 6-14-2022

Yearling - born 9-1-2020 to 8-31-2021

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

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).
2. Market lambs cannot show in the breeding classes and breeding lambs cannot show in the market classes.

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 6.

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

G-50-001. Junior 8–9-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-50-002. Intermediate 10–13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-50-003. Senior 14–18-year-olds as of Jan. 1

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

MARKET LAMBS

1. An exhibitor is limited to showing four (4) market lambs.
2. ALL county market lambs need to be ID'd with a SCRAPIE TAG and County ID Sheet with a clear photo at a Merrick County Weigh Day.
3. 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 15 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.
4. 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 weight 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

1. An exhibitor is limited to showing two (2) breeding sheep.
2. ALL county breeding ewes need to be ID'd with a Scrapie Tag and County ID Sheet along with a picture turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15.
3. To show in a registered class, a copy of the registration paperwork must be included with the County ID Sheet.
4. 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:

Kid - born 9-1-2021 to 6-1-2022

Jr. - born 9-1-2020 to 8-31-2021

Sr. - born before 9-1-2020

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

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.

HOG- Superintendents Brian Jefferson & Isaac Jefferson

1. 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).
2. The Merrick County Fair Hog Show does not require a health certificate or a veterinarian to examine the hogs for the pseudorabies program. All animals that return home may need to be quarantined from the rest of the herd for a sufficient period of time, recommended by a veterinarian.
3. ALL county hogs need to be ID'd with an EID ear tag and County ID Sheet along with a picture turned into the Extension Office on or before June 15. To show in a registered class, a copy of the registration paperwork must be included with the County ID Sheet.
4. 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 15 to be eligible to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.
5. Hogs must be shown without hair dressing compounds. This includes oil, powder or any other coat dressing. Water is permitted.
6. An exhibitor is limited to showing six (6) total hogs.

HOG SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 6.

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

G-60-001. Junior 8–9-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-60-002. Intermediate 10–13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-60-003. Senior 14–18-year-olds as of Jan. 1

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

MARKET HOGS

1. 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 weight 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

1. All breeding gilts have to be farrowed from December 1 of the previous year to May 31 of the current year.
2. To show in a registered class, a copy of the registration paperwork must be included with the County ID Sheet.

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

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

G-60-009. Registered Gilt - **To be eligible to show, must submit copy of registration papers with the County ID Sheet.** 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.

HORSE- Superintendents Russ & Carolyn Kucera

1. **4-Hers must be at least age 8 by December 31, 2021 to show in the 4-H Horse Show.**
2. 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 15. Horses not identified will not be permitted to show.
3. 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.
4. Entries must be made by July 9, 2022. **NO ADDED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE SHOW.** Check-in time will begin at 6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 1, 2022 with a 7:00 a.m. show time.
5. There must be three (3) entries before a class will be held.
6. 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. Junior 8-9-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-70-002. Intermediate 10-13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-70-003. Senior 14-18-year-olds 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-70-004. Walk-Trot Pleasure

G-70-005. Walk-Trot Horsemanship

G-70-006. Walk-Trot Trail

LIGHT HORSE HALTER CLASSES

1. Stallions may show only in the year foaled.
2. 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	G-70-007	G-70-008
Yearling	G-70-009	G-70-010
2 Yr. Old	G-70-011	G-70-012
3-5 Yr. Old	G-70-013	G-70-014
Aged	G-70-015	G-70-016

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-70-017, Hunter Under Saddle (all ages)

G-70-018, Hunter Seat Equitation (all ages)

G-70-019, Hunter Hack (all ages)

	Jr. (8-11 yrs.)	Sr. (12-18 yrs)
Pleasure	<u>G-70-020</u>	<u>G-70-021</u>
Ranch Riding	<u>G-70-022</u>	<u>G-70-023</u>
Horsemanship	<u>G-70-024</u>	<u>G-70-025</u>
Trail	<u>G-70-026</u>	<u>G-70-027</u>
Barrel Racing	<u>G-70-028</u>	<u>G-70-029</u>
Pole Bending	<u>G-70-030</u>	<u>G-70-031</u>
Reining	<u>G-70-032</u>	<u>G-70-033</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-70-034</u>	<u>G-70-035</u>
Calf Roping - Tie Down	<u>G-70-036</u>	<u>G-70-037</u>
Dally Steer - Heading	<u>G-70-038</u>	<u>G-70-039</u>
Dally Steer - Heeling	<u>G-70-040</u>	<u>G-70-041</u>
Ground Roping (8-11 years)	<u>G-70-042</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.

ADAPTIVE CLASSES - The following classes are open to a 4-H member (not Clover Kids) who require an adaptation to participate in the horse show. Youth eligible for these classes can only participate in these classes 1-3. The youth can be recruited for these classes due to their abilities (ex. participation in the Special Olympics equestrian events, have a type of modified learning plan for their schoolwork, use devices through occupational therapy). The youth still need to follow all the rules of 4-H enrollment and horse ID's. Horses shown in these classes can be shown by another 4-H member in other classes, and on another 4-H member's ID sheet.

PREMIUM: Participation: \$4.00

G-70-043, Walk-Trot Pleasure

G-70-044, Walk-Trot Horsemanship

G-70-045, Walk-Trot Trail

G-70-046, Horse Leadership – The eligible 4-H member has worked with the youth in the above classes on a regular basis (at least four practices) under the guidance of a caring adult trained or experienced in making adaptations for youth participants. The youth cannot ride the horse with the participant, they are a walker or ground handler. The purpose of this class is to grow youth citizens who help 4-H be inclusive of different learning abilities.

4-H OVERALL LIVESTOCK SHOWMAN- Superintendents Mikaela Stuart & Alex Stocker

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

G-80-001, General Information: The contest will consist of the two top Senior 4-H showman 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.

- FFA Showman are not eligible for the 4-H Overall Livestock Showman.
- 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 species. The maximum number of exhibitors is at least ten (10). 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.
- Participants are required to wear the required 4-H/FFA T-Shirt, black/blue jeans, and closed toe shoes.

POULTRY- Superintendent Mollie Nielsen

- 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).
- 4-H members are limited to two (2) entries per class with a limit of ten (10) total entries, plus, two (2) pens).

3. 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.
4. The rules for standard size chickens applies equally to bantams, waterfowl, and turkeys, where applicable.
5. All poultry shall be free of lice and mites when brought to the fair. Those not free of external parasites will be sent home.
6. 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.

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

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 6.

1. 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.

G-90-001. Junior 8–9-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-90-002. Intermediate 10–13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-90-003. Senior 14–18-year-olds as of Jan. 1

POULTRY

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Cockerel - hatched during 2022 Pullet - hatched during 2022 Cock - hatched prior to 2022 Hen - hatched prior to 2022

	STANDARD	BANTAMS
Cockerels	<u>*G-90-004</u>	<u>*G-90-005</u>
Cocks	<u>*G-90-006</u>	<u>*G-90-007</u>
Pullets	<u>*G-90-008</u>	<u>*G-90-009</u>
Hens	<u>*G-90-010</u>	<u>*G-90-011</u>

G-90-012. Pen of Broilers

***G-90-015.** Turkey

G-90-013. Pen of Roasters

***G-90-016.** Geese (all weight classes)

***G-90-014.** Egg Production Trios

***G-90-017.** Ducks (all weight classes)

EGGS- Eggs will be judged on shape, color and weight uniformity. Please do not refrigerate eggs prior to checking in the eggs. 4-Hers are limited to exhibiting one (1) dozen of either brown, white or other colored eggs.

***G-90-018.** One (1) dozen white eggs

***G-90-019.** One (1) dozen brown eggs

***G-90-020.** One (1) dozen other colored eggs

RABBITS- Superintendent Mollie Nielsen

1. 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).
2. A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting three (3) rabbits per class, twelve (12) total rabbits.
3. 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.
4. Rabbit age will be the age of the rabbit on show date. Division breakdown will be by age of rabbit and not by weight of rabbit.
5. 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.

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

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 6.

1. 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.

G-100-001. Junior 8–9-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-100-002. Intermediate 10–13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-100-003. Senior 14–18-year-olds as of Jan. 1

COMMERCIAL BREED RABBIT- Includes: American, American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc d Hotot, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, English Log, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox.

***G-100-004** Junior Doe (under 6 mo.)

***G-100-005** Intermediate Doe (6-8 mo.)

***G-100-006** Senior Doe (over 8 mo.)

***G-100-007** Junior Buck (under 6 mo.)

***G-100-008** Intermediate Buck (6-8 mo.)

***G-100-009** Senior Buck (over 8 mo.)

FANCY BREED RABBIT- Includes: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillion, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Jersey Woolie, Lilac, Holland Lop, Mini log, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta, Lionhead.

***G-100-010** Junior Doe (under 6 mo.)

***G-100-011** Senior Doe (over 6 mo.)

***G-100-012** Junior Buck (under 6 mo.)

***G-100-013** Senior Buck (over 6 mo.)

MARKET RABBIT

***G-100-014.** Single Fryer- Not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3½ pounds. Maximum weight 5½ pounds.

***G-100-015.** Meat Pen- Age limit 10 weeks. Minimum weight 3½ pounds each. Maximum weight 5½ pounds each. Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter.

***G-100-016.** Roaster- Must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight of 5½ pounds. Maximum weight 9 pounds.

***G-100-017.** Stewers- Must be 6 months of age and over. Minimum weight is over 8 pounds.

COMPANION ANIMAL- Superintendent Mollie Nielsen

1. Not more than four (4) small pets may be entered by any exhibitor.
2. 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.
3. **DUE July 9:** Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies. 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. Participants must have their veterinarian fill out and sign the "Nebraska 4-H Certification of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets" and turned in by July 9.
4. 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.
5. Score is based on presentation, handling of animal and exhibitor knowledge.

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

COMPANION ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 6.

G-110-001. Rat

G-110-004. Guinea Pig

G-110-007. Mouse

G-110-010. Reptile

G-110-013. Birds-Pigeons, Parakeets, etc.

G-110-002. Ferrets

G-110-005. Gerbil

G-110-008. Hedgehog

G-110-011. Fish

G-110-014. Other Small Animal

G-110-003. Chinchilla

G-110-006. Hamster

G-110-009. Small Animal Poster

G-110-012. Amphibians

CAT- Superintendent Mollie Nielsen

1. 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).
2. 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.
3. **DUE July 9:** 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 9.
4. 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

CAT SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 6.

G-120-001. Junior 8–9-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-120-002. Intermediate 10–13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

G-120-003. Senior 14–18-year-olds as of Jan. 1

DOG- Superintendents Kim & Travis Stuhmer

1. Procedures described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421 will be followed.
2. **DUE July 9:** All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. The SF263 Dog Vaccination Certification must be filled out and signed by a veterinarian and returned as part of the July 9 pre-entry deadline. All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the Dog Show. The SF263 Dog Vaccination Certification form must be submitted for each dog according to the entry guideline due date or will not be allowed to show.
3. Females in season will not be permitted to be shown. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge or superintendent. Lameness or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by a show superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog. Procedures described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421 will be followed.

DOG SHOWMANSHIP- See Showmanship area for rules, page 6.

1. 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%).

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

G-700-001. Junior 8–9-year-old as of Jan. 1

***G-700-020.** Intermediate 10–13-year-olds as of Jan. 1

***G-700-021.** Senior Showmanship 14–18-year-olds as of Jan. 1

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

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

***G701010.** Beginning Novice Division A - exhibitor and dog are in first year of competition (started Dog Project after 10/1/2021). Exhibitors incorrectly entered will be moved to Beginning Novice Division B

***G701020.** Beginning Novice Division B - exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.

***G701025.** Beginning Novice Division C - exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of competition.

***G701030.** Novice A – exhibitor and dog have received purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice competition (started after 10/1/21)

***G701035.** Novice B – exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of Novice Class competition.

***G701040.** Graduate Novice – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.

***G701045.** Advanced Graduate Novice – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice.

***G701050.** Open – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Adv. Graduate Novice

***G701055.** Graduate Open – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open

***G701060.** Utility – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open

AGILITY CLASSES

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

- **Procedure** - Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H421. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines to determine class entry and obstacles for each level of competition. Course maps will be made available and posted at time of show registration in designated area(s).
- **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

***G-702-010 - Level 1:** 6 Obstacles

***G-702-020 - Level 2:** 10 Obstacles

***G-702-030 - Level 3:** 10 Obstacles

***G-702-040 - Level 4:** 13 Obstacles

***G-702-050 - Level 5:** 15-20 Obstacles

VETERINARY & ANIMAL SCIENCE- Superintendent Beth Johnson

1. The purpose of the Veterinary Science display is to inform the public about a common health problem of animals or a veterinary science principle. Do not confuse the Veterinary Science exhibit topics with animal husbandry or production topics.
2. A Veterinary Science exhibit may consist of a poster, notebook or a display. The exhibit may represent material from any of the Veterinary Science projects including entry level exhibits from Unit I.
3. 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.
4. **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, **animal first aid kits containing any drugs or medications will be immediately disqualified and not displayed. First Aid kits wishing to include medication information should instead utilize written descriptions, photographs, drawings, computer generated printouts or empty packaging of pharmaceuticals.**
5. **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.
6. **Veterinary Science Displays** - A display may include but is 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" h or 32" w.
7. **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.
8. **IMPORTANT,** since these are science displays, all references and information need to be properly cited. Proper sources include but are not limited to: Professional journals and publications, professional AVMA accredited websites, interviews with Veterinarians and excerpts from Veterinary Educational Literature. Plagiarism will result in a disqualification. Please study your topic and present the information to your audience in your own words.

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

H-900-001. Educational Display for Animal Entries

1. 4-Hers are invited to create an exhibit highlighting an educational aspect of their animal project. Examples of displays could focus on a current livestock issue, animal industry career, animal care or health, economic impacts of the industry. Displays will be a way of increasing the educational experiences of both the 4-H member and the general public on agricultural literacy.
2. Poster display should be no larger than 22 x 28 inches. NOTE: Please take into consideration that these exhibits may be displayed inside the arena and may not be returned to the exhibitor in the original condition at the time of entry.
3. Other displays should be no larger than 24 x 24 inches, examples include but are not limited to diorama, connection board, essay, scrapbook, art, etc.

M-900-002. Rope Display - may include a large or small animal halter or a display of 5 or 10 knots, hitches, and splices. Items must be labeled. The ends of all ropes must be whipped. Judging consideration will be given to difficulty of items shown. Each rope exhibit must be mounted on a board that is 1/4" thick and appropriately sized for the number of knots.

M-900-003. Beef Production Display- Beef Production record book, to go along with display, is available at the Extension Office.