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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](http://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 <b>DUE</b> 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.	<b>ALL 4-H and FFA</b> Required County Animal ID's <b>DUE</b> to the Extension Office
		<b>ALL 4-H and FFA</b> State Fair Livestock DNA Envelopes <b>DUE</b> to the Extension Office
July 11 (Mon.)	5 p.m.	<b>ALL 4-H and FFA</b> Static, Animal, Clothing Pre-entries <b>DUE</b> to the Extension Office
		<b>ALL 4-H and FFA</b> YQCA training complete
		Vaccination records <b>DUE</b> 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 <b>pet</b> 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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## FFA FARM SHOP

### **One entry per class number.**

FFA members will exhibit their livestock, crops, and plant science with the 4-H Club Members. NO double or dual entries with 4-H.

### **Judging of FFA shop projects will be on the following basis:**

Construction and workmanship	50 points
Utility and design	30 points
Material finish	20 points

**FFA100-01.** Large Carpentry - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Projects shall consist of the following: feed bunks, 12' or more; sheds; hog houses; picnic tables; workbenches, 12' or over, etc. Built in the Ag Ed shop. **PREMIUM:** Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

**FFA100-02.** Small Carpentry - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Projects built in the Ag Ed shop shall consist of nail boxes, sawhorses, show boxes, dog houses, small feed bunks, or workbenches, etc. **PREMIUM:** Purple \$2.00; Blue \$1.50; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

**FFA100-03.** Large Metal - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Shall consist of the following examples: pipe trailer, stock trailer, gas barrel stand, power unit trailer, gates, 4' or longer, etc. Built in the Ag Ed shop. **PREMIUM:** Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

**FFA100-04.** Small Metal - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Projects shall consist of welding tables, gates (under 4'), car ramps, etc. Built in the Ag Ed Shop. **PREMIUM:** Purple \$2.00; Blue \$1.50; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

**FFA100-05.** Combination Project - Limited to 3 per entry number. Projects built in the Ag Ed Shop shall consist of wagons, loading chutes, carts, 3 pt. hog carriers, etc. **PREMIUM:** Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

**FFA100-06.** Farm Machinery Rebuilding or Construction - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Farm machinery that has been re-built or constructed in the supervised Ag Ed Program. **PREMIUM:** Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

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

**FFA100-07.** Arc Welding - Limited to 1 entry per entry number. An entry shall consist of 6 different arc welds arranged on a display board.

**FFA100-08.** Gas Welding - Limited to 1 display board per entry number. An entry shall consist of 6 different gas welds.

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

**FFA100-09.** Forge Projects - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Projects made using the forge in the supervised Ag Ed Program.

**FFA100-10.** Metal Lathe Project - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Projects made using the metal turning lathe in the supervised Ag Ed Program.