

GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION, OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATION & HEALTH

A. See General Rules.

B. GENERAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION & OWNERSHIP--

1. **IDENTIFICATION & CERTIFICATION** - All animals need to be identified as stated within specie identification requirements. Ownership must be certified on Identification/Ownership Affidavits due in the Extension Office by closing **June 15**. **EXCEPTIONS:** Market Beef due by closing **April 15** and Horse due by closing **May 15**. All Identification/Ownership Affidavits not in the Extension Office by closing **June 15** or the exception dates above for market beef and horse will lose premium money.

Animals can be owned as a family unit (brothers/sisters) provided the name and ages of all youth in the family are identified on the Identification/Ownership Affidavits. See Ownership of Animals below for identifying requirements. At weigh-in, all market animals that are eligible for State Fair and Aksarben will have DNA hair samples collected. The Extension Office sends the DNA samples to the State Animal Department / Ak-Sar-Ben.

Identification Deadlines:

Market Beef.....April 15

Horse.....May 15

Beef (breeding, bucket calf, suckling calf, feeder calf), Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Swine...June 15

Rabbits, Poultry, Pigeons...June 15

Companion animals (Cats, Dogs & Small Animals) ...May 15

2. **PRE-ENTRY** - All animal exhibits for County Fair must be pre-entered on **GREEN Entry Sheets available at the Extension Office due by closing June 15th at the Extension Office**. Any entry sheet not meeting the deadline will forfeit premium money won from that exhibit. Exhibitors do have the right to present an appeal to the 4-H Council. If the council decides they were late due to unavoidable circumstances, they may vote to waive the penalty. Appeals must be made prior to July 31 to 4-H Council.

C. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

- Beef, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy/pygmy goats, meat goat, horse, swine, rabbit, poultry, dog, cat or other small animal project animal may be owned:

1. Solely by the 4-H exhibitor or
2. In partnership by the 4-H exhibitor and other members of his/her immediate family (brother/sister). Only the name of the showman can be on the show entry.
3. Horses, dairy animals, dairy goats, and bucket calves may be owned by someone outside the immediate family, provided the owner signs the ownership affidavit on the back of the Identification Certificate giving permission for use of the animal. Also, the exhibitor must manage feeding, grooming, exercising, training and stall management, and have use of the animal as a project animal at least 75% of the time during the project year.

D. GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ANIMALS

1. Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show. Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
2. Any animal found to be infected with an infectious, contagious or otherwise transmissible disease, or is suspected of being so affected or exposed shall be removed immediately to a place of quarantine as ordered and directed by an official veterinarian or his authorized agent.
3. **POLICY ON RINGWORM, WARTS AND ABSCESSSES**
 - a. Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts or abscesses, will not be allowed to remain on the premises and be exhibited.
 - b. The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area.
 - c. Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises and be exhibited.
 - d. Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to remain on the premises and be

exhibited.

- e. Sheep that have active club lamb fungus as determined by the inspecting veterinarian will not be allowed to remain on the premises and to be exhibited.

4. **STATE FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: See State Fair Book.**

E. LARGE ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - Nebraska Origin

- 1. **BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE** - See POLICY ON RINGWORM, WARTS, AND ABSCESSSES above. NO Tuberculosis or Brucellosis tests are required to exhibit.
State Fair only: ALL cattle must be tested negative for Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD) persistently infected (PI) status prior to arrival at Nebraska State Fair.
- 2. **SHEEP AND GOATS** - See POLICY ON RINGWORM, WARTS AND ABSCESSSES above. **All sheep and goats being exhibited, need to be individually identified with official USDA scrapie ID.** Under no circumstances may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.
- 3. **SWINE** - All Swine shall originate directly from any herd not under quarantine for pseudo rabies, and:
 - a. A Stage IV or V county; or
 - b. A pseudo rabies qualified herd; or
 - c. Be individually tested and classified negative for pseudo rabies within 30 days prior to exhibition.
- 4. **HORSES** – County fair – no tests required. For State Fair- (Animals that are used in live animal demonstrations), should be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of exhibition. NO coggins test required.