

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty
My Hands to larger service,
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community,
my country and my world.

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2020 NEMAHA COUNTY FAIR – August 9-12

Fairground Cleanup will be as normal. 4-H'ers, parents, and leaders are asked to help Wednesday, August 5th, starting at 6:00pm to get the 4-H building and fairgrounds ready for the fair. Hog, sheep, and goat pens will need to be set up, as well as some rabbit/poultry cages (not hung, just left on the ground). And the 4-H Building will need to be set up for static entry, judging and display. There will be **NO** pizza afterwards. There will also be **NO** superintendents meeting after cleanup. Superintendents will be sent letters on the modifications and their duties.

POST FAIR CLEAN-UP

Post Fair Clean-Up will be Thursday, August 13th at 6:00pm.

Pre-Fair Judging - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ALL static exhibits (Clover Kids and Horticulture included), will be brought to the 4-H Building by the exhibitor on Thursday, August 6. **There will be NO interview judging this year.** In order to reduce a crowd of people, static entry will be scheduled. Families should call the office to schedule a time to drop off exhibits on August 6th. Appointments will be made on a first come, first serve basis. Horticulture exhibits will be judged on Thursday to allow for the best quality when being judged. All other exhibits will be judged on Friday, August 7th. **Judges will still be choosing TOP Awards and State Fair Exhibits. Exhibits will be displayed in family groups. There will be NO TOP Awards Pictures this year.**

Static Exhibit Release: Exhibits can be picked up 4:00-6:00 pm Thursday, August 13. No time slots will be assigned. It will be a first come, first serve basis, allowing one family in the 4-H building at a time.

Livestock - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In order to reduce a crowd of people, livestock check-ins are scheduled before each show. Time slots will be assigned to families. Appointments will be made on a first come, first serve basis. Please call the office to schedule a time if you haven't already done so.

PREMIUM SALE

The 2020 Nemaha County Fair has been modified to help meet the guidelines set forth by the CDC, state, local health departments, and university in relation to COVID-19. For 2020, the Nemaha County livestock premium sale will be hosted online as a silent auction (not a live auction) and each exhibitor is limited to ONE livestock entry. The auction will be hosted through Speckmann Realty in Tecumseh, using Nebraska HiBid as the online platform. Bidding will open August 12th at 5:00pm and close August 13th at 5:00pm. We will be able to add in what awards were won after the shows.

IMPORTANT FAIR NOTES!!

- FOLLOW **FAIRBOOK DIRECTIONS** FOR EACH CLASS FOR EVERY DEPARTMENT
- **CLOVER KIDS** do not need 4-H attire for their shows.
- **THANK YOU NOTES** will again be supplied by the 4-H Council. You are asked to send a thank you note for each award you earn. The donors appreciate your "Thank You" notes!
- 4-Hers, please be mindful of your attire while at the fair. Remember you **REPRESENT 4-H**.
- **FOOD REMINDERS:**
 - Pie plates should be disposable. NO GLASS.
 - Exhibits will **not** be tasted this year. Scoresheets will be adjusted to follow more along with confirmation, texture, uniformity, etc.
- **4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW - BLOW & GO:** All beef, swine, sheep and goats may be clipped, blown and brushed or combed to enhance their appearance.

EAR TAGS

If you have an animal that has lost their 4-H ear tag, contact the Extension Office prior to check-in at the fair so they can be replaced before fair. We will not be re-tagging animals at check-in.

Food Stand at the Fair

There will be a Food Stand at fair this year, however it will NOT be run by 4-H.

FAIR BOOTHS

There will be NO fair booths in the 4-H building this year.

SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS

At the Fair . . .



Archery Contest will be held Monday, August 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Open Area (green space) at the Fairgrounds. **There will be two flights, one from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and the other from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** Check the Fair Book for other information about necessary supplies for the contest. 4-H Shooting Sports attire must be worn.

BB Gun Contest will be held Wednesday, August 12th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Open Area (green space) at the Fairgrounds. **There will be two flights, one from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and the other from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** You are to bring your BB's, gun and a mat or rug. 4-H Shooting Sports attire is necessary. Check the Fair Book for other information. **Please call the office to register for a flight for these contests.**

An awards ceremony for these two contests will take place in the Open Air building after the BB Gun Contest on Wednesday, August 12th.

After the Fair...

Air Rifle and Pistol Contests will be held Sunday, August 23rd at the fairgrounds. A practice will be held Sunday, August 16th at the fairgrounds.

Trap, Five Stand, Skeet, and Sporting Clays Contests will be held Sunday, September 27th. Practices will be held Sunday, August 30th and September 13th (these two will be at 4 Star Shooting Range) and September 20th (held at Blinde's).

Times for these two contests and the practices to be determined.

Smallbore Contests - There will be NO Smallbore contests this year.

Practice Information . . . If you are signed up for a shooting sports project and need information regarding practices, please make sure Al Witte has your contact information. He can be reached at 402-297-9527 or alwitte@windstream.net

CLOVER KIDS AT THE FAIR

Exhibits: Clover Kids will bring their exhibits to the 4-H Building at an assigned time on Thursday, August 6th. Call the office to set up a time. Clover Kids should also bring their horticulture exhibits at this time. (There will NOT be interviews by Jr Leaders this year.)

Pet Show: The Clover Kid Pet Show will be held during the Fair on Wednesday, August 12 in the Livestock Arena. The Clover Kids will be interviewed by an older 4-Her with questions such as "what is your pet's name, what do you feed your pet?"

UPDATED OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

At their July 15th meeting, the Nemaha County Ag Society decided **2020 Open Class Livestock exhibits will be for youth ages 8 and below only**. (This applies only for 2020.) Open Class Livestock Exhibitors must contact superintendents if planning to show. It is extremely important to register with appropriate superintendents **by August 4th** to help the Fair Board as they plan check-in procedures and determine the number of animals coming to the fair. **One animal per show class per child is allowed**. Below is the list of superintendents for your convenience. Please remember to call them by August 4th.

Horse Superintendent - Paula Murphy (402)-274-8311

Beef Superintendent - Dayton Kennedy (402)-883-8222 and Gabe Kent (402)-873-8812

Bucket Calf Superintendent - Suki Fischer (402)-274-3509 after 1:00 pm

Swine Superintendent - Jeremy Stutheit (402)-274-8321

Sheep Superintendent - Shelly Nichols (402)-274-9612

Meat, Dairy & Pygmy Goats Superintendent - Shelly Nichols (402)-274-9612

Poultry Superintendent - Jody Able (402)-274-9366

Rabbit Superintendent - Josh Adams (402)-274-7215

Livestock Information Reminders

Once an animal is tagged with an EID tag it cannot be cut out. This is illegal.

Exhibitors of 4-H & FFA market animals (beef, swine, sheep, and goat) at the State Fair **are required to obtain a Premises ID number** through the NE Department of Agriculture at no cost to the exhibitor. Exhibitors without a Premises Identification number will not be allowed to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. A brochure with more information on how to obtain a Premises ID is available on the Nemaha County 4-H Livestock Information webpage:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/4-h-livestock-information-0/>

State Fair Advance Entries

4-H families are required to make their own Advance State Fair Entries into the ShoWorks fair program.

State Fair entries for fashion show, presentations and contests must be entered by families. The deadline is August 10 by 8:00 p.m.

State Fair Animal entries are also entered by families. They are due August 10 by 8:00 p.m. This includes: beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry, goat, dairy, and dog.

Advanced Entries are NOT entered by the county and must be paid for using a credit card. There are no other options for payment. Please note - All entry fees are non-refundable.

The online entry system and important documents can be found at:

<http://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h-ffa>.

Please use this link as it gives the most up to date reminders/etc. Entry will open in mid-July.

ALL STATE FAIR ADVANCE ENTRIES ARE DUE 8:00 p.m. Central Time, August 10. This includes all entries that require the presence of the 4-H member. All Animal, Contest, Fashion Show, and Presentation entries are due.

State Fair Information

<http://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/exhibitor> is a good link for information for those exhibiting livestock at State Fair.

AK-SAR-BEN

Ak-Sar-Ben Entries are due August 31 by noon.

We are transitioning to GREY 4-H T-SHIRTS. No more white t-shirts will be sold. In 2020 both white & grey t-shirts will be allowed in the show ring. The new grey 4-H t-shirts are available in the office and cost \$10 each. This is a great way to use Bonus Bucks!

NEW THIS YEAR: Youth can take their t-shirts to Auburn Design Shop and have their exhibitor number printed on the back in the area of the shoulder blades. Numbers will be black and 4 inches tall. If you decide to print your number on your shirt, it will be at your own expense at \$3 per shirt.

DON'T FORGET - Fair Wrap-up Meeting

The 2020 Fair Wrap-up meeting for superintendents and committee members is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse meeting room.

The 2020 Nebraska State Fair will be a Celebration of 4-H and FFA youth! While the State Fair will look different than it has in the past, we are excited to see the support for young people to showcase the projects they have been working on throughout the year. There will be 4-H and FFA livestock shows, 4-H and FFA static exhibits and judging contests. The Nebraska State Fair will be held August 28 – September 7. **Gate admission will be free.** Plan now to attend and help celebrate our youth. For more information go to: <https://www.statefair.org/>



4-H VIRTUAL PROJECT SHOWCASE

2020 is a unique year and we (Nebraska 4-H) are so proud of the work 4-H youth have done across the state despite challenging circumstances. We want to honor the work our youth have done by providing a platform to highlight their exceptional projects and the valuable learning opportunities they have experienced. We would like to introduce a Nebraska 4-H Virtual Project Showcase opportunity for all 4-H members across the state! We invite all enrolled youth to submit any 4-H project (static, animal projects, contests, etc.) for showcase with which they have learned a lot from this year or that they are particularly proud of, regardless of the award it received through judging or the ability to have that project judged at the county level.

About the 4-H Virtual Project Showcase:

- Any 4-H enrolled youth of regular 4-H age statewide, can submit one project to highlight for their year.
- A complete submission will include:
 - Name, Age, County, project area they are choosing to highlight
 - Description of their project
 - 1 photo of their project
 - Why they chose to highlight that particular project?
 - What did they learn from completing their 4-H project(s) in 2020?
- **How will photos and quotes be used:** Photos, along with some quotes, gathered through submission process are tentatively planned to showcase digitally during the 2020 Nebraska State Fair (location TBD), be shared on social media, and displayed in the Pick Your Project.
- **Submissions due:** for a chance to be showcased at the Nebraska State Fair, submit by August 10th
- **To submit a project or to learn more:** Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/project-showcase>



4-H Landscaping at the Fair Grounds

Don't forget 4-H Clubs have been assigned the responsibility of caring for the 4-H Landscaping on the Fair Grounds. This is the area of plants on the southwest corner of the Commercial Building by the Nemaha County 4-H Welcomes You Sign. The monthly club assignments are listed on the 4-H Calendar.

4-H DRESS CODE

Please read carefully and plan ahead when participating in contests and shows that require 4-H Attire. (4-H T-Shirts are available in the Extension Office. Cost is \$10.00.)

4-H ATTIRE IS:

- 4-H T-shirt or white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached. (4-H Club, State Fair and Aksarben shirts are not considered appropriate.)
- Long blue denim jeans (no rips and preferable dark).
- Closed toed shoes (flip flops or sandals are not allowed).
- No hats, caps or other types of headgear.

4-H ATTIRE IS REQUIRED:

- Show Ring
- Premium Sale
- Cat & Small Animal Show
- Life Challenge Contest
- Livestock Judging Contests
- Interview Judging
- TOP Award Pictures
- Horticulture/Wildlife Judging Contests (preferred but not required)

PENALTY FOR NOT WEARING 4-H ATTIRE WHEN REQUIRED:

- 4-H'er will be lowered one ribbon placing.

See the Fair book for specific dress code requirements for:

- Horse Shows
- ATV/Tractor Driving Contests
- Shooting Sports Contests



Hunter Safety Course Offered in August

Please NOTE NEW DAYS – Previously announced September course was moved to August

This course is scheduled for **Friday, August 28th** (6-9 pm) and **Saturday, August 29th** (8 am-4 pm). (You must attend both days.) The course will be held at the 4-H Building in Auburn. All 4-Hers who plan to participate in the Trap (Shotgun), and/or .22 Rifle (Small-bore) projects will need to have their Hunter Certification in order to participate in these events. Plan to attend this course and be ready for 4-H Shooting Sports Contests in 2021. You **must pre-register** for this course (**when it comes available**) at: <https://outdoornebraska.gov/huntereducation/>. At the website click on Firearm Hunter Education Classroom Courses. Find the date of this session; click on the "Register Now" button. Registration information is entered on a secure website and the last 4 digits of the participant's SSN is required. If you have any questions, please call Kent Volkmer at 274-3794 (or if you need help with this, call the Extension Office at 402-274-4755.)

FOOD EXHIBITS

Please keep in mind the following information as you prepare your food exhibits for the fair.

NO FRESH FRUIT – Fruit must be cooked or baked.

NO ALCOHOL – Totally prohibited. Even exhibits containing cooked alcohol will be disqualified.

NO RAW EGGS – Eggs must be cooked or baked in the food exhibit. (After they are cooked/baked, they are no longer raw eggs.) For example, food exhibits like a frosting/glaze that uses eggs but is not cooked or baked cannot be exhibited at the fair. However, you can use powdered eggs or meringue powder as a substitute in recipes where the eggs are not cooked.

NO GLASS pie plates - Pie plates should be disposable.



STATE FAIR STATIC EXHIBITS

Exhibits selected at County Fair to go to State Fair (except foods and horticulture) need to be delivered to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, in order to have them taken to the State Fair by Extension staff. **Foods and horticulture projects and large exhibits will be showcased by photo submission. We will be taking photos of these qualified exhibits at county fair.**

Deadlines for State Fair Exhibits to the Extension Office:

- **Friday, August 21 by 5:00 p.m. - All State Fair static exhibits except foods and horticulture**

4-H State Fair Static Exhibit Registration Information: Nemaha County 4-H static exhibits that advance to the State Fair are entered by the local Extension Office staff.



Thank You's to Premium Sale Buyers

In 2014 the Nemaha County 4-H Council put into place a policy regarding Thank You Notes for Premium Sale Buyers. All participants of the Premium Sale will need to bring their Thank You(s) written to their buyer(s), **addressed and with postage on them**, to the Extension Office and the Extension Office will then mail them. You will receive your Premium Sale Check after the office has your Thank You(s).

A 4-H family has rabbit cages and hutches they want to sell. They are also looking for someone to animal sit for them. Please call the office if you are interested in either of these.

CAMPING AT COUNTY FAIR

There will be NO camping at fair this year.

Special Fair Awards



AUBURN GARDEN CLUB:

Top Horticulture Exhibit - \$25

IN MEMORY OF GARY McDERMITT:



Top Vegetable Exhibit - \$25

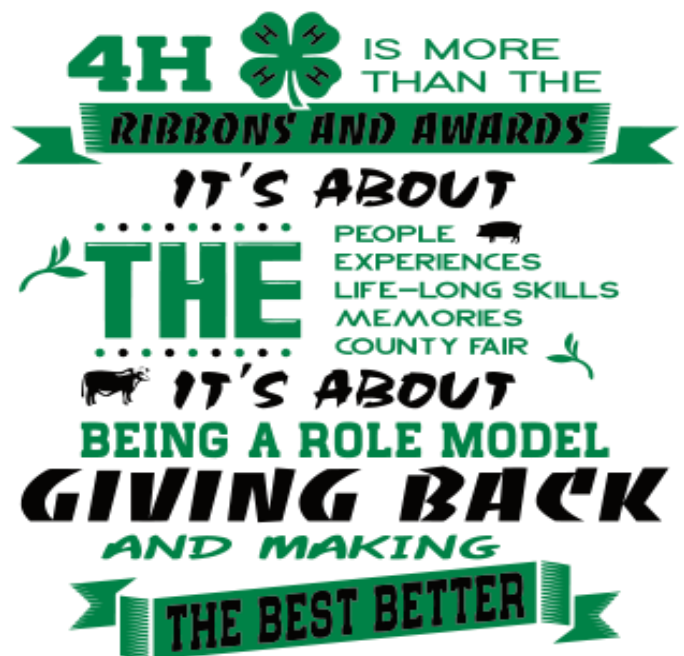
Top Floriculture Exhibit - \$25

Top Houseplant Exhibit - \$25

Top Photography Exhibit - \$25

Top Clothing Exhibit - \$25


Top Home Environment Exhibit - \$25





August 2020




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Reminder: Achievement Applications deadline is September 15th!		 <i>NC4-HSS Club & Nemaha Co Independent 4-H Members are responsible for the 4-H Landscaping on the Fairgrounds during the month of</i>				1
2 <i>4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. 6:00pm 4-H Building</i>	3	4	5 Fairgrounds Clean-up 6:00 pm	6 Pre-Fair Static Entry Scheduled Drop-off Times 9:00am-3:00pm 4-H Building	7 Pre-Fair Judging 3-7 pm 4-H Building	8
9	10 Nemaha	11 County	12 Fair	13 Static Exhibits Scheduled Release Post Fair Clean-Up	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 State Fair Entries Turn-in Deadline (at Extension Office) (except food and horticulture)	22
23 Fair	24	25	26 Fair Wrap-Up Meeting Courthouse 6:00 pm	27	28 Nebraska	29 State
30	31					



September 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Nebraska	3 State	4 Fair	5
6 <i>4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. 6:00pm 4-H Building</i>	7 Labor Day (Courthouse Closed) Fair	8	9 Pick-up State Fair Exhibits (at Extension Office)	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Jr. Riders Mtg. 5:30pm 4-H Bldg.</i>	15 Achievement Applications Due	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>BU Stockraisers Mtg. 7:00pm 4-H Bldg.</i>	22	23	24	25 AKSARBEN	26
27 AKSARBEN	28 Awards Committee Meeting 5:30pm Courthouse <i>4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm Courthouse</i>	29	30 Year End Club Reports Due	 <i>Timbercreek 4-H Club is responsible for the 4-H Landscaping on the Fairgrounds during the month of September.</i>		

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