

SECTION VIII – ANIMAL SCIENCE

Dept. G – Animals

Code of Ethics: Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors.

- Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education.
- All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors have a responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that younger 4-H'ers will be influenced by their fine example.
- Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals the entire time the animals are at the fairgrounds.
- Animals shall be presented to show events, where they will enter the food chain, free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner/exhibitor for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
- The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical devices, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

Safety

- All animals must be properly restrained and stalled in the barns. Portable pens are not allowed.

- Animals can be removed from stalls 3 hours prior to show for fitting purposes; however they must remain within the blue fencing. Awnings for shade are allowed in the fenced area.
- When in commons area, animals must be restrained and attended at all times.

Number of Entries- A 4-H'er may exhibit:

- Beef - 2 market, 3 breeding, 3 feeder calves, 1 bucket calf
- Dairy cattle - 2 per class, up to 5 total
- Goats - 3 dairy, 3 breeding, 3 market
- Sheep - 3 market, 3 breeding
- Swine - 3 market
- Horse - 1 per class, up to 5 total
- Dogs - 2
- Cats - 1 per class, up to 3 total
- Companion Animals - 1 per class, up to 3 total
- Rabbits - 7
- Poultry - 7

OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS - All animals in 4-H Shows must be owned by the exhibitor who entered it. Ownership must be certified on ID forms by June 1, except Market Beef due April 1.

Eligibility of Animals - The superintendent may declare an animal ineligible at any time, if said animal becomes wild and uncontrollable and safety is a concern. If an animal is disqualified for any reason, it must be removed from the fairgrounds within 24 hours of the disqualification.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training- All exhibitors/showmen, including substitutes, in Bucket Calves, Stocker Feeders, Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Market Goats, Dairy Goat, Breeding Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Market Lamb, Breeding Sheep and Market Swine must have completed YQCA training. **Exhibitors not meeting the YQCA requirements will not be able to show or sell at the County or State Fair.** Exhibitors must have received YQCA Certification through a UNL Extension based program by **June 1st**. This can be completed online at: <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

Training and certificate must be completed turned into the office by June 1.

Market Beef Weigh in - All Market Beef must attend a spring weigh-in. Obtain beginning weight, 4-H ear tag or EID tag, ID sheet and collect DNA samples for State Fair (if desired). Read the newsletter for date and time. You are allowed to weigh up to 5 market beef animals. If you cannot attend our weigh-in, you must attend a 4-H weigh-in in another county. If you are not able to make it to another county weigh-in, make

up dates will be made on a case-by-case basis. If you are not able to make our weigh-in, you are not eligible for Rate of Gain.

Market Sheep & Goat Spring Weigh –In - Get beginning weight, 4-H ear tag or scrapies tag, ID sheet and collect DNA samples for State Fair (if desired). Read the newsletter for date & time. The weigh-in is held at the Sheridan Co. Fairgrounds in Gordon. You are allowed to weigh-in 5 market lambs and 5 market goats. All animals must carry an official USDA Identification (scrapies tag). If you cannot attend our weigh-in, you must attend a 4-H weigh-in in another county and you will not be eligible for the Rate of Gain contest. If you are not able to make it to another county weigh-in, make up dates will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Swine Spring Weigh-In – All swine must attend a spring weigh-in. Obtain a 4-H ear tag, get beginning weight, ID sheet, and collect DNA samples for State Fair (if desired). Read the newsletter for date & time. The weigh-in is held at the Sheridan Co. Fairgrounds in Gordon. You are allowed to weigh-in 3 market swine. If you cannot attend our weigh-in, you must attend a 4-H weigh-in in another county and you will not be eligible for the Rate of Gain contest. If you are not able to make it to another county weigh-in, make up dates will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Animal Substitution: Within the same class or division, substituting a different animal for a pre-entered animal, provided the substitute meets all ownership and eligibility rules. Inform the superintendent of the change at check-in. Substitutions between divisions, except within Breeding Beef and Dairy are not allowed (i.e. a market lamb cannot be substituted for a breeding sheep entry).

Animal Testing and Examination- Any animal entered in 4-H classes is subject to both urine and blood testing at the discretion of the superintendent or official veterinarian. If the results of testing indicate the possible use of compounds or drugs not approved for use in that species by FDA or compounds or drugs used outside the specified withdrawal requirements of FDA, those animals will be declared ineligible for competition and awards. In the case of market animals, show management will determine the appropriate disposal of the animals. The superintendent may declare an animal that is tampered with by unusual means to change appearance or weight ineligible.

PEN OF THREE COMPETITIONS

In the divisions of market beef, stocker/feeder, breeding beef, market lambs, breeding sheep, dairy goats, and market hogs, there is a class for pen of three. The animals shown can be three project animals from one individual or at least two members of one club. There may be one showman in the ring for each animal. They will be judged on quality and uniformity. For club entries, ONE member of the Club enters the class and denotes on their entry form the name of the club. **Premiums for club pens will go to the club.**

MARKET ANIMAL LIVESTOCK SALE

Options for 4-H'ers to Sell Market Animals

- **Livestock Sale** - an animal that was shown goes through the sale ring and is purchased by public auction bid. The purchaser then chooses the final destination. The 4-H'er is responsible for knowing who purchased their animal and its destination. 4-H'er must give purchaser a thank you. Exhibitor needs to be at the sale.
- **Premium Only** - the animal will go through the sale ring during the Livestock Auction and will be bid upon. The youth will retain ownership and receive any amount bid over the Buy Back price. **Animals must be designated "Premium Only" in the 4-H Fair Office within 1 hour following the show.**
- **Off Sale** - sometimes called Buy Back. This option gives youth the opportunity to sell their excess animals that were shown during Fair, but cannot go through the sale ring. The Direct Sale price is a set by a bid process. Any interested party may submit a bid for consideration. The 4-H Council accepts the highest bid for each species on the morning of the Livestock Sale. **Animals must be placed on the list in the 4-H Fair Office within 1 hour following the show. No changes will be accepted afterward.** Direct Sale checks come from the bid holder, NOT the 4-H Council. The animals will go on the bid holders' trucks during Load-Out. It is the youth's responsibility to place their animal on the list, get the animal to the appropriate truck and make sure the buyer has their contact information. The UNL Extension Office is not allowed to give out youth addresses.
- **Private Sales** - 4-H'er may choose to sell an animal privately to another individual. 4-H'er is responsible for the collection of the money from the buyer and ensuring delivery of the animal to the buyer. These animals will not go through the 4-H Council accounts.
- **No Sale** - the animal is taken back home during Load-Out. The 4-H'er retains ownership and responsibility.

- **4-H Dress Code** is required during the Livestock Sale
 - **Sale Order** -superintendents designate a sale order immediately after the removal/consignment deadlines.
 - **No Show=No Sale**-Animals not shown at Fair cannot sell in the sale or by direct sale to the Buy Back bid holder.
 - **Removal from Sale Order**- If you do **NOT** want to sell your animal or you have more than one animal of a species, you must come to the 4-H Fair Office and remove the animal from the sale order within one hour following each corresponding show. If you have more than one animal of a species and do not remove one, neither will be allowed to sell. To remove them from the sale order, complete your card denoting the animals you want to sell.
 - **Sale Line- Up**- If you are not at the sale ring when called, you will be moved to the end of the line. (No matter what ribbon or placing! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!)
 - **Excessive Fill**- on market animals prior to weighing shall constitute grounds for dismissal from the sale.
 - **Animal Care**- Livestock sold in the sale must be cared for by the exhibitor until the animal is released during Load-Out by the superintendent. Exhibitor is responsible for delivery of livestock to purchaser's truck as directed. No check will be paid unless exhibitor delivers animal.
 - **Destination Changes**- NO changes after the livestock sale.
 - **Sale Checks** - are mailed to exhibitors after **ALL** payments have been received. **This usually takes at least a month, so plan accordingly.** Buyers should pay at the time of sale, if at all possible, however, we have several very generous buyers who have to send payment requests through their corporate offices and this takes some time to process. (We also have very understanding businesses who will usually delay interest charges on feed bills if asked.)
 - **Consignment Fee**- 3% will be deducted from sale proceeds to pay for ear tags, check-off fees, Buyer's Bonanza dinner, sale advertising, thank you cards, pictures, woodchips, etc. Consignment fee is subject to change, by vote of the 4-H Council.
 - **Thank You Cards**- The Extension Office will provide a thank you card for each animal on the sale. **You are responsible for getting a picture of you and your animal after weigh-in.** The thank you will be given to you during the sale. All buyers should receive a thank you card.
 - **Release of Animals** - If an exhibitor removes a 4-H animal from the Fairgrounds early, without approval from the superintendents, the premium will be forfeited.
 - **Sellable Items**- A 4-H'er may sell 2 items total during 4-H Sales. Options are:
 - 2 animals of different species
 - 1 animal & 1 cake or cupcakes
 - 1 animal & 1 cookie jar
 - 1 cake or cupcakes & 1 cookie jar
- HERDSMANSHIP**
- Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of **exhibitors, not leaders and parents.**
 - Clubs and Independents, as a group, will be judged on their animal care and visitor appeal of their stalls throughout Fair week.
 - Livestock will be stalled/penned according to club.
 - Barns will be inspected at least twice daily throughout the week.
 - All exhibitors with any animal housed on the fairgrounds are judged.
 - Herdsmanship begins at Check-in and ends with the exhibitor release by the superintendent during Load-out.
 - All 4-H'ers entering an animal project are automatically entered in Herdsmanship as a club. Independents will work together as a club.
 - **4-H members are responsible for his/her animal at all times.** The animal is on display to promote 4-H. If you cannot be in attendance during a certain period, work with other 4-H'ers to ensure your animal is cared for in your absence.
 - **STATE FAIR** - If you are attending State Fair, be sure to read their herdsmanship rules. They are different from our county rules.
- BASIS OF RATING HERDSMANSHIP**
- 25 Points Animals - clean with proper watering, feeding, grooming, bedding and care apparent.
 - 20 Points Stalls - clean and neat, bedding clean and fresh, feed and feed pans/buckets clean and in place at all times, water fresh, clean and in place at all times.
 - 10 Points Tack and Feed Area - kept clean and neatly arranged, fork handles and similar equipment kept down.
 - 15 Points Alleyways - Exhibitor's share of alley kept clean at all times, wheelbarrows and equipment kept from alley.

- 15 Points Exhibitor - Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times including with the public and other exhibitors. **Evidence that exhibitors are doing the herdsmanship (not parents).**
- 15 Points Identification - Signage identifying 4-H member and Club displayed during stall set-up and maintained throughout Fair Week. Ribbons displayed nicely. Sponsors/buyers clearly recognized.
- 100 Total Points Possible per barn
- Scores will be converted to % based on the number of total possible points for each Club, as each Club will have a different number of barns used. The scores are posted each day during Fair.
- Exhibitor must have number on back and wear 4-H Dress Code.
- Previous Round Robin winners may not compete in the Round Robin, but can in the species showmanship.
- If a member qualifies for Round Robin in more than one species, they must pick one of the species to show.
- If a showman cannot show in the Round Robin for one of the above reasons, or if someone qualifies for round robin and declines to participate, then the next highest place purple winner may enter the round robin. Positions will be left blank, if no one qualifies.
- In case of a tie, the following tie breaker scores will be used in order:
 - o Showing own animal
 - o Appearance of exhibitor's animal
 - o Appearance of exhibitor
 - o Oldest exhibitor
- There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in both senior and intermediate divisions.
- Champions will receive a traveling trophy for one year.

ROUND ROBIN LARGE ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP

- The top two senior and intermediate showmen from each of horse, beef, sheep, swine, and goat showmanship will compete in the Round Robin Contest. **(Must be purple ribbon winners)**
- **Do not enter this contest on the Fair Entry Form.**
- Exhibitor must have number on back and wear 4-H Dress Code.
- Previous Round Robin winners may not compete in the Round Robin Contest but can in the individual species Showmanship.
- If a member qualifies for Round Robin in more than one species, they must pick one species to show.
- If a showman cannot show in the Round Robin for one of the above reasons, or if someone qualifies for Round Robin and declines to participate, then the next highest place purple winner may enter the Round Robin. Positions will be left blank, if no one qualifies.
- In case of a tie, the following tie breaker scores will be used in order:
 - o Showing own animal
 - o Appearance of exhibitor's own animal
 - o Appearance of exhibitor
 - o Oldest exhibitor
- There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in both senior and intermediate divisions.
- Champions will receive a traveling trophy for one year.

ROUND ROBIN SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP

- The top two senior and intermediate showmen from each of cat, dog, rabbit, poultry, and companion animal showmanship will compete. (Must be purple ribbon winners)
- **Do not enter this contest on the Fair Entry Form.**

Dept. G – Livestock Judging Contest

Division 10 – Livestock Judging Contest

- Youth can participate in a livestock judging contest for premium money during the county fair. The youth will judge four market classes with one set of reasons and one questions class.

Class 1	Sr. Livestock Judging
Class 2	Int. Livestock Judging
Class 3	Jr. Livestock Judging

Dept. G – Beef

General Information:

- **YQCA Training** - All exhibitors/showmen, including substitutes, in Bucket Calves, Stocker Feeders, Market Beef, Breeding Beef and Dairy Cattle, must have received Quality Assurance training. Families need to send a copy of the certificate to the Extension Office. **Training must be completed by June 1.**
- Animals that have active ringworm, or visible warts, will not be allowed entry for exhibition at the County Fair and must be removed immediately from the fairgrounds. This also applies to animals exhibited at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.

- No hay or straw will be used for bedding beef. Wood chips will be furnished.
- All livestock must remain within the 4-H Complex of the Sheridan County Fairgrounds until released by the superintendent, unless you have a signed release from the 4-H office.
- Back numbers and 4-H dress code must be worn during all classes.
- Substitute showmen will only be allowed if the owner is showing another animal in the same class or the owner is sick/injured. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** superintendent must be given the name of the substitute one hour before the show. This applies to all animal species. The substitute must be currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA in Sheridan County and have completed YQCA Training.
- Unsound animals shall not be allowed to show.
- A separate class by breed may be provided for breeds with five or more head of straight bred animals exhibited. To be "straight bred" an animal must be 75% or more of the one breed or have registration papers from a breed association.
- Number of animals a 4-H'er may exhibit: 2 market, 3 breeding, 3 feeder calves, 1 bucket calf.
- Pen assignments will be determined by superintendent for breeding livestock brought in early due to travel time.
- No Supreme Show.
- Feeder calves, bucket calves and breeding beef will be released after they show.
- No one is to remove another person's animal(s) without permission of the owners.
- Use the State Fair Book for rules on entering, taking & showing livestock at State Fair. Animals sold at the livestock auction are not eligible for Nebraska State Fair unless sell for a premium.

Beef Showmanship:

- Youth with an unruly animal may not show someone else's animal during Showmanship.
- Unruly animals, during Showmanship will be removed and appropriate ribbon will be given outside the ring.

Division 1 – Beef Showmanship

Class 1	Sr. Beef Showmanship – 14 years or older on January 1. Past champions are eligible.
Class 2	Int. Beef Showmanship – 11, 12, and 13 years old on January 1.
Class 3	Jr. Beef Showmanship – 9, and 10 years of age, January 1.
Class 4	Novice Beef Showmanship – 8 years old on January 1.

- **Clover Buds** – Production Records, ID forms, QA and Conference Judging are NOT required. The class consists of the Clover Bud leading their bucket calf into ring where the judge will ask a few basic questions. The calf must weigh under 350 pounds. A participation ribbon is presented. Parental guidance in ring is acceptable.

Division 5 – Team Fitting

- Teams of three will be allowed 30 minutes to fit their animal in the show ring. Teams can contain no more than one senior member. Animals must enter the ring in a clean and dry, but unfitted condition. Prior to entering no coat dressings, adhesives, etc., can be used. Teams can bring these items with them in the ring. Winning team cannot group up next year, but still can participate on a different team.

Class 1	Team Fitting
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Division 11 – Market Beef

- Spring Market Beef Weigh-in. Animals **MUST** be weighed, tagged and ID as 4-H animals. If you are interested in showing at State Fair, DNA samples should be taken at this time and EID tags inserted. If you are not able to attend, you must attend another county's 4-H Weigh-in; the animals will not be eligible for Rate of Gain Contest. If you are not able to make it to another county weigh-in, make up dates will be made on a case by case basis.
- All other beef must be ID by June 1.
- All Market Beef must check-in at the scheduled time during Fair. Weight will determine class flights and sale eligibility. Members cannot substitute another animal for one that fails to meet the weight requirements.
- Market Beef animals may not have more than two permanent incisor teeth (18 months). Questionable aged animals will be mouthed.
- **Market Steers, min. (1000lbs.), max. (no lid). Market Heifers, min. (900lbs.), max. (no lid).** Livestock failing to meet the weight requirement may show and earn premium money, **but will be ineligible for championship awards and the livestock sale.**
- Market Heifers cannot be pregnant. If pregnant, they can show as breeding beef instead.

- All market animals are automatically consigned to the Livestock Sale. Youth must come to the office and remove those animals they do not wish to sell within one hour after the show. If youth have more than one animal of the same species and do not remove one, neither animal will be allowed to sell.
- Remember to have your photograph taken with your animal after weigh-in for your thank you card.

Carcass Ultrasound Contest – Ultrasound is conducted during fair weigh-in. Result will be announced after the Market Beef Show. Everyone is automatically entered into this contest. Thanks to Vin-Mar for making this contest available to all exhibitors through their generous donation.

Rate Of Gain Contest- Entry is automatic if animals completed Spring and Fair weigh-ins. Winners announced at the conclusion of the show or the Livestock Sale. ROG is calculated: pounds gained divided by number of days on feed.

- Animals may not arrive more than 24 hours prior to animal check in time, unless the family has received approval from the superintendents.

A 4-H'er may sell only 2 items total. Listed are the options.

- 2 animals of different species (Rabbit Meat Pen and Poultry Pen of Broilers count as one item)
- 1 animal and 1 cake
- 1 animal and 1 cookie jar
- 1 cake and 1 cookie jar

Class 1	Market Beef Steer – will be separated into flights after weigh-in
Class 50	Market Beef Heifer – will be separated into flights after weigh-in
Class 51	Pen of 3 Market Beef – may belong entirely to one member or to at least two members of a club

Division 12 – Breeding Beef

- **Breeding Heifers Only** – Breed Registration Certificates and tattoo numbers must be on ID forms. Ear tags are not required. For State Fair need Breeding Nomination completed by August 10th.
- A cow/calf pair does not have to be previously shown as a breeding heifer.

Class 1	Breeding Beef Heifer – Born in previous year
Class 2	Breeding Beef Heifer – Born in current year
Class 3	Cow/Calf – Calf may be shown in other classes
Class 4	Breeding Beef Bull – Born in previous year
Class 5	Breeding Beef Bulls – Born in current year

Class 6	Pen of 3 Breeding Beef – may belong entirely to one member or to at least two members of a club
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Division 27 – Feeder Calves

- Entries may be heifer and/or steer calves, born during the current year before June 1. To qualify in this division, each calf entered must have the birthdate listed on the ownership affidavit form on or before June 1st.

Class 1	Feeder Steer Dropped – after January 1 of current year.
Class 2	Feeder Heifer Dropped – after January 1 of current year.
Class 3	Pen of 3 Feeders – may belong entirely to one member or to at least two members of a club.

Division 28 – Bucket Calves

General Information:

- Project emphasizes what youth learned through their experiences in caring for a young animal and related health issues, success in the project is NOT based on the quality of the calf.
- Calf must be born after January 1st of current year and ID on a Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit by June 1st. Bucket calves must have an ear tag but it does not have to be a 4-H tag.
- Calf has never been fed by mother or nurse cow.
- 4-H'er may exhibit only one bucket calf. Bucket calves do NOT sell at the Livestock Sale.
- Calf will be broke to lead and shown at halter. Calf will be clean, washed and brushed. Additional fitting is optional.
- No weight limit for calves, except Clover Buds (see below).
- Production records (age appropriate) are required and may be handwritten but must be the work of the 4-H'er.
 - o Production record format is available from the Extension Office (and online).
 - o Production record will be maintained in a notebook.
 - o Production record is used by 4-H'er during interview (see below) and reviewed by judge.
- Classes are judged by conference method (interview). Judge uses age appropriate questions, for all classes, focusing on the same knowledge areas to gauge 4-H'er's knowledge gained during project. 4-H'er must participate in 1st interview in order to exhibit calf in ring.

- 1st Interview occurs during **Static Exhibit judging**. Calf is not present during interview. 1st interview is worth 70% of the points.
- 2nd Interview occurs in the ring during Beef Show. Production record is not used in ring. 2nd interview is worth 30% of the points.
- 4-H'er **MUST** participate in 1st interview to exhibit calf in ring.
- Conference judging based on:
 - What 4-H'er learned about all aspects of caring for and raising a calf.
 - General health of calf and knowledge of 4-H'er in health-related areas. (Condition)
 - Production record completed, to best of exhibitor's ability, considering member's age.
 - Beef or dairy quality of calf will not be considered; project is NOT based on calf confirmation.

- Bucket Calf – Learn how to care for young beef or dairy animals; Learn what kind of records should be kept for animal projects
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/1
- Feeder Calf – Learn about beef cattle parts: Find out how to feed beef animals to achieve a reasonable amount of gain.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/2
- Market Beef – Learn about beef cattle parts: Calculate the cost to raise a market beef animal; Learn how to select project animals
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/4

Dept. G – Dairy

General Information:

- Dairy cattle must be owned by the 4-H members by June 1 of the current year.
- Each exhibitor is limited to 2 animals per class, up to 5 total.
- Stalls will be assigned by the superintendent. Stalls must be clean to the satisfaction of the superintendent.
- Exhibitors furnish feed. Woodchips will be provided.
- All Purebred animals must be registered or eligible to register by fair time.
- Grade animals must have the characteristic color markings, conformation and general size of the breed it represents. Registered and Grades will show together. Dairy show will be Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn.
- 4-H Dress code applies.
- Animals may not arrive more than 24 hours prior to animal check in time, unless the family has received approval from the superintendents.
- Animals born after August of previous year that have calved must be shown as two-year-olds in class 90.
- **YQCA Training** - All exhibitors/showmen, including substitutes, with Dairy Cattle must have received Quality Assurance training. A certificate must be turned into the office, **Training must be completed by June 1.**
- All 4-H'ers entering an animal project are automatically entered in Herdsmanship.

Division 40 – Dairy Cattle

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| Class 1 | Sr. Dairy Showmanship - 14 years or older on January 1. Past champions are eligible. |
| Class 2 | Int. Dairy Showmanship –11, 12, and 13 years old on January 1. |

Class 1	Senior Bucket Calf Producer – 14 years of age or older, January 1
Class 2	Intermediate Bucket Calf Producer – 11, 12, and 13 years of age, January 1.
Class 3	Junior Bucket Calf Producer – 9, and 10 years of age, January 1.
Class 4	Novice Bucket Calf Producer – 8 years of age, January 1.
Class 5	Explorer Bucket Calf Producer – 8 – 11 years of age, January 1.

- Class intended for 4-H'ers wanting to explore the Bucket Calf Producer class. All requirements remain the same (like QA, ID, etc.) EXCEPT, class uses Project Record Sheet in place of Production Records and there is NO Conference Judging (no 1st interview) requirement. Participants are encouraged to try the Production Records and/or Conference Judging. Ribbon placing is based on individual's knowledge about raising/caring for calf (much like a Static Exhibit placing). Ribbon placing in the ring is NOT an indication of overall class ranking. Class NOT eligible for overall Bucket Calf Producer award.

Resources:

- Breeding Beef – Learn about beef cattle breeds; Learn how to care for beef animals; Learn to make buying decisions based on performance and visual evaluation.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/3

Class 3	Jr. Dairy Showmanship- 9 and 10 years of age, January 1.
Class 4	Novice Dairy Showmanship- 8 years old on January 1.
Class 10	Junior Calves- calved Mar-Apr 2022
Class 20	Intermediate Calves- calved Dec 2021-Feb-2022
Class 30	Senior Calves- calved Sept-Nov 2021
Class 40	Summer Yearlings- calved June-Aug 2021
Class 50	Spring Yearlings- calved Mar-May 2021
Class 60	Winter Yearlings- calved Dec 2020 – Feb 2021
Class 70	Fall Yearlings- Sept-Nov 2020
Class 80	Dry Cow (any age)
Class 90	Two-Year Olds- Sept 2019 – Aug 2020
Class 100	Three Year Olds- Sept 2018 – Aug 2019
Class 110	Four Year Olds- Sept 2017 – Aug 2018
Class 120	Five+ Year Olds- prior to Sept 2017

Class 3	Jr. Goat Showmanship - 9, and 10 years of age, January 1.
Class 4	Novice Goat Showmanship – 8 years of age, January 1.
Class 5	Best Dressed Goat – Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume for their 4-H Goat and themselves. Attire should emphasize the personality of the animal.
Class 6	Goat Trail – Does and Wethers may be used. Age of goat, 5 months and up. Class is judged on how well the handler can get the goat through a trail of obstacles and how willing the goat is to maneuver the obstacles and speed. Different goats can be used for the Trail Class.

Division 51 – Dairy Goats

- Need to have ID sheets turned in by June 1.
- No Spring weigh-in.
- The Dairy Goat Show is for does only.

Resources:

- Explore dairy cattle breeds, select calves, and identify parts; Focus on housing, hay quality, milking, and health; Select cattle through records, promote dairy products, and explore careers.

https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/7

Dept. G – Goats

General Information:

- All goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.
- All animals must be ID by June 1.
- **YQCA Training** - All exhibitors/showmen, including substitutes, Market Goats, Dairy Goat and Breeding Goats must have received YQCA training. **Training must be completed by June 1.**
- A 4-H member may exhibit up to 3 dairy goats, 3 breeding goats and 3 market goats.
- Animals may not arrive more than 24 hours prior to animal check in time, unless the family has received approval from the superintendents.
- All animals must carry an official USDA Identification (scrapies tag).
- All 4-H'ers entering an animal project are automatically entered in Herdsmanship as a club.

Division 5 – Goat Showmanship

Class 1	Sr. Goat Showmanship – 14 years or older on January 1. Past champions are eligible.
Class 2	Int. Goat Showmanship - 11, 12, and 13 years old on January 1.

Class 10	Kids Under 5 Months
Class 20	5-8 Months
Class 30	8-12 Months
Class 40	1 Year to 2 Years-Non Milking Doe
Class 50	Under 2 Years-Milking
Class 60	2 & 3 Years-Milking Doe
Class 70	3 and 4 years – Milking doe
Class 80	4 Years & Older-Milking Doe
Class 90	Junior Herd- 3 animals, one must be bred by exhibitor and one must be in milk.

Division 58 – Meat Goats

- Spring Weigh-in for Market Goats will be held in May. Animals must be weighed, tagged and ID at this time. (You may attend a 4-H weigh-in in another county and still show, but you will not be eligible for the Rate of Gain Contest.) DNA samples for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben will be taken. If you are not able to make it to another county weigh-in, make up dates will be made on a case by case basis.
- Youth are automatically entered in Rate of Gain upon completing both Spring and Fair Weigh-ins.
- Up to 5 market goats may be ID. All animals must carry an official USDA Identification (scrapies tag).
- Clipping is not required for the Sheridan County Fair. However, clipped market goats should be slick shorn with $\frac{3}{8}$ " of hair or less at the time of show. Legs may have hair up to the hock and knee only.

- Market goats may be either non-bred does or wethers. If a doe is found to be bred, she can be placed in a breeding class.
- Market goats must be born on or after December 1, 2020.
- Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds. Goats 49 pounds or less will show in the feeder class.
- No re-weighs.
- Market Goats can participate in the Carcass Ultrasound Contest. Exhibitor is responsible for getting animal to the ultrasound techs during check-in. Results announced after the Goat show. Thanks to Vin-Mar for making this contest available to all exhibitors through their generous donation.

A 4-H'er may sell only 2 items total. Listed are the options.

- 2 animals of different species (Rabbit Meat Pen and Poultry Pen of Broilers count as one item)
- 1 animal and 1 cake
- 1 animal and 1 cookie jar
- 1 cake and 1 cookie jar

All market animals are automatically consigned onto the Livestock Sale. Youth must come to the 4-H Office and remove those animals within one hour following the show. If youth have more than one animal of the same species and do not remove one, neither animal will be allowed to sell.

- Remember to get a photo after weigh-in for your thank you card.

Class 10	Feeder Goat 49# & Down
Class 20	Market Goat 50# & Up

Division 59 – Breeding Goats

- Need to have ID sheets turned in by June 1.
- Up to 5 animals may be ID.
- No spring weigh-in or ear tags.
- These classes are meant for Breeding Meat goats. Breeding Dairy goats should be entered in the Dairy classes above.

Class 10	Kids 5-12 Months
Class 20	Yearlings 13-24 Months
Class 30	Aged Doe 25 + Months

Resources:

- Breeding Meat Goat – Learn about breeding meat goats; Learn how to care for meat goats; Learn to make buying decisions based on performance and visual evaluation.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/10

- Dairy Goat – Learn about goat parts and breeds; Figure the cost to raise goats; Find out how to care for goats.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/9
- Meat Goat – Learn and practice important life skills, such as decision making, record keeping, marketable skills, planning and organizing, and self-responsibility; Demonstrate good care taking of the animals; land, and other resources involved; Help to spread knowledge about meat goat products and the meat goat industry.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/11
- Pygmy Goat
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/184

Dept. G – Horse

General Information:

- **Horses must be identified by June 1**, (unless attending District & State Horse Show then they are due in May, according to the state deadline) with the County Extension Office and exhibitors may be requested to have horses checked for identification purposes.
- **Advancement Levels must be completed by June 1 (unless attending District & State Horse Show then it is due the first part of May) All exhibitors must complete Level 1 to participate in the fair.**
- Horses and exhibitors will be judged according to **Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide.**
- **You will need this book to be successful in a Horse Project.**
- Exhibitors may show one horse per class, up to 5 horses total.
- Exhibitors must enter one of the judged performance classes (this is not showmanship or halter) to be eligible to run barrels, poles, and/or rope.

- Check-in and Horse ID will be from 7:00-8:00 am, beside the bucking chutes. Bring your horse to the check-in table. Extension Staff will check your horse's markings and brands against the identification sheets that were turned in on June 1. If the office does not have copies of your Horse ID sheets, you will not be allowed to show. Please bring your copies of your ID sheets with you to the fair. Confirm all classes entered. Pick up your Back Tag with your exhibitor number (keep this tag throughout fair week). Horse Show judging begins at 8:00 am. If you are entered in the first class, be ready to enter the arena at 8:00 am.
- English Pleasure class may ride with Western Pleasure at judge's discretion.
- All horses must be haltered while at the fair.
- Chosen patterns will be posted the morning of the show. The patterns and show rules are located in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide, available at the Extension Office.
- A horse may be used in each event only once (i.e. two exhibitors may not use the same horse in the same event).
- For breakaway roping, the rope must pass over the calf's nose and come tight on calf's body behind the head. If steers are used, then team roping head catch rules will apply. In Break-a-way, roper will be allowed two loops: roper will be allowed to rebuild. Do not carry two ropes.
- Banding Horse(s) mane is allowed.
- An Overall Horseman will be chosen from the Junior, Intermediate, Senior divisions. Classes that count for points include Showmanship, Western/English Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Trail, Barrels, Poles and Working Ranch. Points will be awarded on the following basis: **Champion=6pt.; Reserve=5pt.; Purple=4pt.; Blue=3pt.; Red=2pt.; White=1pt.** Tie will be broken by the highest number of Champion (6pt) placings.
- Conformation classes and Futurity classes will not be included in the Overall Horseman.
- **STALLIONS MAY NOT BE SHOWN!**
- Horses become one year older on January 1 for show purposes.
- **Dress Code:** "Plain" white shirt (no frills, gems or embellishments), dark blue western jeans with belt, boots (no crepe sole with wedges) & cowboy hat. Hat is optional during speed events and loss of hat is a penalty during these events.

ADVANCEMENT LEVELS

- Youth participating in the Horse Project are expected to learn about and care for their horse. The Advancement Levels are a way of showing this knowledge. There are four levels, each increasing in difficulty as the youth progresses. The Sheridan County 4-H Horse Show does require youth to pass Level I by June 1st. Youth who wish to participate in Break-away roping at the County Fair must complete Horse Advancement Level by June 1st.
- The knowledge and skills learned in Level I will help the youth to better understand the project, their horse and safety issues. This makes for a higher quality show and reduces the risk of injuries. **District 4-H Horse Shows require that youth pass both Levels I and II in order to participate.** State 4-H Horse Show requires Levels III and IV for entry into certain classes. Information and study guides can be found online at <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/advancementlevels.html>

HORSE FUTURITY PROGRAM

- Futurity is a Sheridan County special program for those involved in the horse project who wish to train their own young horse.
- Pre-approval from the Horse Committee is needed to enter the Futurity Program.
- It is strongly recommended that an exhibitor be of the Intermediate Age Level before beginning the Futurity program. This is an extensive program that requires a lot of commitment.
- Youth are expected to be the full time caretakers of the horse entered and they are expected to break the horse themselves.
- **The program begins with showmanship with a 2-year-old horse.**
- A horse and/or member may be excused from participation in any one year of futurity with no points awarded and still compete the program. Before the show, written notice must be presented to the 4-H Council containing the reason why they cannot compete that year. (i.e. injury, sickness or yearling not yet castrated).
- **Futurity Champion-** member with the highest total points after the fourth year.
- Futurity horse may be used in any of the regular county events.
- Youth will show Futurity at the same time as the corresponding regular class.

Division 90 – Halter Classes

- For Classes 1-4, the Horse is mainly being judged. Exhibitor leads horse on halter. Scoring is based on Conformation only.

Class 1	Yearling Gelding – born any month in the previous year to the Show. See #15 and 16 above.
Class 2	Yearling Fillies
Class 3	Two-Year-Old Geldings
Class 4	Two-Year-Old Fillies
Class 5	Aged Mares Judging – youth will place a class of aged mares and compare it against the judges' placing.
Class 6	Aged Gelding Judging – youth will place a class of aged geldings and compare it against the judges' placing.

Division 90 – Showmanship Classes

- For Classes 12-15, the Exhibitor is being judged on appearance, knowledge, care and handling of their horse.

Class 7	Sr. Showmanship – age 14 or older as of January 1
Class 8	Int. Showmanship – age 11, 12 or 13 as of January 1
Class 9	Jr. Showmanship – age 8, 9 and 10 as of January 1
Class 10	First Time Showmanship – youth may choose to show in this class, if it is their first time ever showing a horse, no matter what age of youth. This class will not receive points toward the Overall Champion Score nor be eligible for Round Robin. You cannot show in another Showmanship Class if entered in this one.

Division 90 – Performance Class

- Exhibitors must enter a riding class to participate in the speed classes.

Class 11	English Pleasure
Class 12	Sr. Western Pleasure
Class 13	Int. Western Pleasure
Class 14	Jr. Western Pleasure
Class 15	Walk Trot – this class is for Juniors only who have not completed the loping portion of the Level 1 testing but wish to still ride.
Class 16	Sr. Horsemanship
Class 17	Int. Horsemanship
Class 18	Jr. Horsemanship

Class 19	Sr. Reining
Class 20	Int. Reining
Class 21	Jr. Reining
Class 22	Sr. Trail Class
Class 23	Int. Trail Class
Class 24	Jr. Trail Class
Class 25	Sr. Barrel Race
Class 26	Int. Barrel Race
Class 27	Jr Barrel Race
Class 28	Sr. Pole Bending
Class 29	Int. Pole Bending
Class 30	Jr. Pole Bending
Class 31	Sr. Working Ranch Horse – move calf through an obstacle course
Class 32	Int. Working Ranch Horse – move calf through an obstacle course
Class 33	Jr. Working Ranch Horse-Dummy Roping – ages 8, 9 and 10 as of January 1- youth get to throw 5 loops.
Class 34	Break-a-Way Roping – rope live calf. Must complete Advancement Level 2 to participate.
Class 35	Hippology – participants will take a Hippology test to demonstrate their knowledge of their horse project
Class 36	First Year Futurity – Showmanship
Class 37	Second Year Futurity – Western Pleasure
Class 38	Third Year Futurity – Trail
Class 39	Fourth Year Futurity – Reining

Dept. G – Sheep

General Information:

- Spring Market Sheep Weigh-in will be held in May. Animals **MUST** be weighed, tagged and ID'ed at this time. State Fair/Aksarben DNA should be collected at this time. If you cannot attend our weigh-in, you must attend a 4-H weigh-in in another county and you will not be eligible for the Rate of Gain contest. If you are not able to make it to another county weigh-in, make up dates will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- All animals must carry an official USDA identification (scrapies tag). They should come from your breeder, a State Veterinarian Field Officer, or some local veterinarians.
- Sheep entered must have been owned by 4-H members by June 1 of the current year.
- **YQCA Training** - All exhibitors/showmen, including substitutes, with Market Lambs must have Quality Assurance training. A certificate must be turned into the office. **Training must be completed by June 1.**
- Exhibitors may show up to 3 market lambs and 3 breeding sheep.

- Breeds and classes will be divided or grouped, as superintendent deems necessary.
- Pens will be pre-assigned by superintendent. Pens must be kept clean to the satisfaction of the superintendent in charge.
- Bedding of wood chips will be provided. Exhibitor furnishes feed.
- Market and Feeder lambs will be weighed to assist the superintendent in setting up classes. The weight on entry day will be the official weight for the sale. Market lambs must weigh 90 lbs. to sell.
- All purebred animals must be registered or eligible for registry grade. Breeding individuals must be of the color or color markings, conformation, and general size of the breed it represents.
- **Carcass Ultrasound Contest** – Have your animal undergo ultrasound at fair weigh-in. Result will be announced after the Sheep Show. Thanks to Vin-Mar for making this contest available to all exhibitors through their generous donation.
- Rate of gain contest is calculated as follows: pounds gained divided by number of days between weigh-ins. Animals may not arrive more than 24 hours prior to animal check in time. **Youth are automatically entered in Rate of Gain upon completing both Spring and Fair Weigh-ins.**
- All youth showing animals will be automatically entered in Herdsmanship.
- Classes of ewes and rams will be shown by breed and age (unless there are not enough numbers of animals to warrant a class by breed). Market lambs are required to be born on or after December 1, 2020.
- The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping lambs and exhibiting the lamb with its feet off the ground, are not acceptable. The use of such practices may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing.

A 4-H'er may sell only 2 items total. Listed are the options.

- 2 animals of different species (Rabbit Meat Pen and Poultry Pen of Broilers will count as one unit)
- 1 animal and 1 cake or cupcakes
- 1 animal and 1 cookie jar
- 1 cake or cupcakes and 1 cookie jar

All market animals are automatically consigned to the Livestock Sale. Youth must come to the office and remove those animals they do not wish to sell within one hour after the show. If youth have more than one animal of the same species and do not remove one, neither animal will be allowed to sell. Remove animal by turning in card stating what you are selling within an hour after the show.

- Remember to get a photo after weigh-in for your thank you card.

Division 30 – Showmanship

Class 1	Sr. Sheep Showmanship –14 years or older on January 1.
Class 2	Int. Sheep – 11, 12, and 13 years old on January 1.
Class 3	Jr. Sheep Showmanship – 9, and 10 years of age, January 1.
Class 4	Novice Sheep Showmanship – 8 years old by January 1

Division 31 – Market Lambs

Class 10	Market Lambs
Class 20	Club Pen of 3 Market Lambs – ewes or wethers
Class 30	Feeder Lambs – ewes or wethers, under 90 lbs

Division 32 – Breeding Sheep

Class 10	Breeding Ram Lambs – 5-12 months old
Class 20	Breeding Ewe Lambs – 5-12 months old
Class 30	Breeding Ewe Yearlings – 13-24 months
Class 40	Aged Breeding Ewes – 25 + months
Class 50	Pen of 3 Breeding Sheep

Dept. G – Swine

General Information:

- **YQCA Training** - All exhibitors/showmen, including substitutes, with Market Swine must have received Quality Assurance training. A certificate must be turned into the Extension Office. **Training must be completed by June 1.**
- **Ear Tag** – Market swine must have an official 4-H ear tag or EID tag to show at county fair. Ear tag should be placed in the backside of the right ear facing up, so can be read standing up. Pigs may eat the ear tags. It is recommended to ear notch initially and place ear tags in two weeks before the show to allow time for ear to heal. Open wounds are not allowed. Ear tags need to be in place during the Weigh-In, see schedule.
- **June 1 - ID Forms Due** - Obtain ear tags from the weigh-in, so you will have the numbers to match to the ear notches. Up to 10 animals per member may be ID.
- **June 1 - DNA samples, EID tags and fees are due** for animals that might go to State Fair or AK-SAR-BEN.

- Swine must be owned by the 4-H member by June 1 of the current year.
 - Each exhibitor is limited to 3 Market Hogs and 1 Pen of Three Market Hogs.
 - **Each hog exhibited at the Fair must be wormed at least two weeks prior to Fair with a non-residual wormer.**
 - Pens will be assigned by the superintendent and must be kept clean to the satisfaction of the superintendent.
 - Exhibitor furnishes their own feed. One bag of wood shavings will be provided per youth.
 - Animals may not arrive more than 24 hours prior to animal check in time, unless the family has received approval from the superintendents.
 - Flights are created by the superintendent based on weight.
 - The weight on entry day will be the official weight for the sale. Market animals are only weighed once.
 - All Market Swine must weigh at least 200 lbs. to sell (there is no max. weight limit). Underweight animals can be shown. They cannot be sold or receive Overall Champion.
 - **Carcass Ultrasound Contest** – Have your animal undergo ultrasound at fair weigh-in. Result will be announced after the Market Swine Show. Thanks to Vin-Mar for making this contest available to all exhibitors through their generous donation.
 - Hogs must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder or any other coat dressing compounds. Water is permitted. Hogs found in violation of this rule will be lowered one ribbon group.
 - **Rate Of Gain Contest-** Entry is automatic if animals completed Spring and Fair weigh-ins. Winners announced at the conclusion of the show or the Livestock Sale. ROG is calculated: pounds gained divided by number of days on feed.
 - **This Is A Non-Terminal Swine Show.**
 - All 4-H'ers entering an animal project are automatically entered in Herdsmanship.
 - Swine shall originate directly from a herd not under quarantine for pseudo rabies.
- A 4-H'er may sell only 2 items total. Listed are the options.
- 2 animals of different species (Rabbit Meat Pen and Poultry Pen of Broilers count as one item)
 - 1 animal and 1 cake or cupcakes
 - 1 animal and 1 cookie jar
 - 1 cake or cupcakes and 1 cookie jar

All market animals are automatically consigned to the Livestock Sale. Youth must come to the office and remove those animals they do not wish to sell within one hour after the show. If youth have more than one animal of the same species and do not remove one, neither animal will be allowed to sell.

- Remember to get a photo taken after weigh-in for your thank you card.
- **State Fair** - The State Swine rules are considerable different from our county rules. Read and understand them before considering entry.

Division 35 – Swine Showmanship

Class 1	Sr. Swine Showmanship – 14 years or older on January 1. Past champions are eligible
Class 2	Int. Swine Showmanship – 11, 12, and 13 years old on January 1.
Class 3	Jr. Swine Showmanship – 9, and 10 years of age, January 1.
Class 4	Novice Swine Showmanship – 8 years old by January 1.

Division 36 – Market Swine

Class 10	Market Swine
Class 20	Pen of 3 Market Hogs

Resources:

- Breeding Swine – Learn about pig breeds; Discover how to market products; Find out how prevent, diagnose and treat swine health problems.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/18
- Market Swine – Learn about hog body parts; Calculate the cost to raise pigs; Find out how to care for pigs.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/19

Dept. G – Poultry

General Information:

- ID Forms and Health certificates are not required. It is highly recommended that you purchase your birds from a NPIP participating flock.
- **YQCA Training** - All exhibitors/showmen, including substitutes, in Poultry must have received Quality Assurance training. A certificate must be turned into the Extension Office. **Training must be completed by June 1.**
- Enter your poultry at the Small Animal Barn. They must be looked at by a superintendent before they are placed into cages. If something is found wrong

with your animal, it will be sent home and not allowed to show.

- A Nebraska Department of Ag representative may be present to swab for Avian Influenza.
- Poultry are released by the superintendent during the scheduled Load-out.
- Animals should be free from fleas, ticks, mites, lice or other parasites. Birds showing any sign of disease or parasites will not be allowed to check in.
- Exhibitors may show up to 7 birds.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for feeding, watering, and keeping cage areas cleaned up on a regular basis. Feed and water containers are not provided. The cage and wood shavings will be provided.
- The Small Animal Barn is locked at 8 pm and will be open each day by 7am except for Load-Out day, it will be open by 8:30 am.
- All 4-H'ers entering an animal project are automatically entered in Herdsmanship.
- 4-H Dress Code is required.
- Exhibitors will be required to show their birds during judging. If there is a family emergency, a substitute showman may be appointed. The superintendent must approve substitute showman. Substitute showman must be a registered 4-H member in Sheridan County and have received YQCA training.
- If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor is responsible for finding an eligible Sheridan County 4-H member to substitute show one of the animals. No parents will be allowed to show for the exhibitor.
- Minimum weights for exhibition birds will be as stated in The American Standard of Perfection and the Bantam Standard.
- If there are 5 or more of any variety, that variety may be shown and judged as a separate group.
- Limit of one poultry entry per member may be sold at the livestock sale.

A 4-H'er may sell only 2 items total. Listed are the options.

- 2 animals of different species (Rabbit Meat Pen and Poultry Pen of Broilers count as one item)
- 1 animal and 1 cake or cupcakes
- 1 animal and 1 cookie jar
- 1 cake or cupcakes and 1 cookie jar

- **All market animals are automatically consigned onto the Livestock Sale. Youth must come to the 4-H Office and remove those animals they do not wish to sell by 10:00 am of the morning following the show. If youth have more than one animal of the same species and do not remove one, neither animal will be allowed to sell.**

- Remember to get a photo for your thank you card.

Poultry Showmanship Contest Rules

- All exhibitors are encouraged to enter poultry showmanship.
- Participant may use any bird they choose for Showmanship, as long as it was raised and trained by the 4-H'er.
- Coaching of exhibitors is strictly prohibited. The exhibitor is responsible for presenting their animal on their own merit.
- Showmanship judging is based on the grooming and training of the bird, and the appearance, knowledge and behavior of the exhibitor. Exhibitors must orally and physically explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird. Showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor presenting and explaining the bird before the judge.
- Showmanship scores will be based on the criteria listed on the showmanship score sheet.
- The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.
- The excellence of the bird is NOT considered in scoring.
- If there is a tie, oral questions will break the tie.

Division 69 – Poultry Showmanship

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| sf Class 10 | Sr. Poultry Showmanship 14+ on January 1.
Past champions are eligible |
| sf Class 20 | Int. Poultry Showmanship- 11, 12, and 13 years old on January 1 |
| sf Class 30 | Jr. Poultry Showmanship- 9, and 10 years of age, January 1 |
| sf Class 40 | Novice Poultry Showmanship- 8 years of age, January 1 |

Division 71 – Large Fowl (American, Asiatic, English, Mediterranean, Continental and other Standard Breeds)

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| Class 1 | Cockerel (current year hatch) |
| Class 2 | Pullet (current year hatch) |
| Class 3 | Cock (prior year hatch) |
| Class 4 | Hen (prior year hatch) |
| Class 5 | Trio (1 cockerel and 2 pullets 6-9 weeks of age) |
| Class 6 | Pen of 3 Layers-Egg Production |
| Class 7 | Pen of 3 Layers-before egg production |

Division 72 – Bantam (Game Class, Single Comb Clean Legged, Rose Comb Clean Legged, All other Comb Clean Legged, Feather Legged Class and other Standard Breeds)

Division 73 – Ducks

Class 1	Drake
Class 2	Duck
Class 3	Pen of 3 Ducks-1 Drake & 2 Hens

Division 74 – Goose

Class 1	Gander
Class 2	Dame

Division 75 – Turkeys

Division 76 – Breeding pair of pigeons

Division 77 – Exotic birds or avian species-peacock, guinea, ostrich, emu, pheasants, quail

Resources:

- Poultry – Find out how to care for poultry; Select breeding pens; Learn to process a chicken; Learn about poultry breeds.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/14
- Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hpoultry>

Dept. G – Rabbit

General Information:

- Rabbit ID forms are due June 1.
- Health certificates are not required. Animals should be free from fleas, ticks, mites, lice or other parasites. Rabbits showing any sign of disease or parasites will not be allowed to check in. All exhibitors must have their rabbits checked by a superintendent prior to placing them in a cage. If something is found wrong with your animal, it will be sent home and not allowed to show.
- **YQCA training** - All exhibitors/showmen, including substitutes, in Rabbit must have received YQCA training. A certificate must be turned into the Extension Office. **Training must be completed by June 1.**
- Any 4-H'er with a rabbit may enter the Showmanship class.
- Pet Rabbits should be entered under the Companion Animal Class 10, to avoid addition of your rabbit to the Livestock Sale.
- Enter Rabbit Showmanship using the class number in this Rabbit Division.

- Rabbits must exhibit as a breeding class rabbit and must be a fair representation to the Standards and Weight set by the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
 - Exhibitors may show up to 7 animals.
 - Enter your rabbits at the Small Animal Barn.
 - Exhibitors will be required to show their rabbits during judging. If there is a Family emergency, a substitute showman may be appointed. The superintendent must approve substitute showman. Substitute showman needs to be a registered 4-H member in Sheridan County and completed YQCA training.
 - If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor is responsible for finding an eligible Sheridan County 4-H member to substitute show one of the animals for them. No parents will be allowed to show for the exhibitor.
 - All 4-H'ers entering an animal project are automatically entered in Herdsmanship.
 - Cages and wood shavings are provided.
 - Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their animals regularly until the animals are released by the superintendent.
 - The Small Animal Barn is locked at 8 pm and will be open each day by 7am except for Load-Out day, it will be open by 8:30 am.
 - All exhibitors are responsible for keeping the area around their rabbit cage clean and presentable to the public. Feed and water containers are NOT provided.
 - 4-H Dress Code is required.
 - Limit of one animal per member may be sold at the Livestock Sale.
- A 4-H'er may sell only 2 items total. Listed are the options.
- 2 animals of different species (Rabbit Meat Pen and Poultry Pen of Broilers count as one item)
 - 1 animal and 1 cake or cupcakes
 - 1 animal and 1 cookie jar
 - 1 cake or cupcakes and 1 cookie jar
 - **All market animals are automatically consigned onto the Livestock Sale. Youth must come to the 4-H Office and remove those animals they do not wish to sell by 10:00 am of the morning following the show. If youth have more than one animal of the same species and do not remove one, neither animal will be allowed to sell.**
 - Remember to get a photo for your thank you card.

Division 79 – Rabbit Showmanship

Class 10	Sr. Rabbit Showmanship – age 14+, by January 1
Class 20	Int. Rabbit Showmanship – age 11, 12, 13, by January 1

Class 30 **Jr. Rabbit Showmanship** – age 9 and 10, by January 1
 Class 40 **Novice Rabbit Showmanship** – age 8, by January 1

Polish
 English Angora
 Rex
 English Spot
 Rhinelander
 Florida White
 Satin Angora
 French Angora
 Silver Marten
 Harlequin
 Silver
 Havana
 Standard Chinchilla
 Himalayan
 Tan
 Holland Lop
 Thrianta
 Hersey Woolie

Rabbit Showmanship Contest Rules

- Showmanship must be pre-registered along with your individual classes. All exhibitors are encouraged to enter rabbit showmanship.
- Participant may use any rabbit they choose, as long as it was raised, trained and ID by the 4-H'er.
- Coaching of exhibitors is strictly prohibited. The exhibitor is responsible for presenting their animal on their own merit.
- Showmanship judging is based on the grooming and training of the rabbit, and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. Exhibitors must vocally and physically explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the rabbit. Showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge.
- Showmanship scores will be based on the criteria listed on the showmanship score sheet.
- The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.
- The excellence of the rabbit is NOT considered in scoring.
- If there is a tie, oral questions will be given to break the tie.
- Maximum length of showmanship presentations is four minutes.
- Items to Bring – Showmanship exhibitors are asked to bring a carpet square or mat for showmanship.

Division 82 – Commercial (purebred rabbits only)

Class 10 **Junior Commercial Breed** – under 6 months of age
 Class 20 **Int. Commercial Breed** – 6-8 months of age
 Class 30 **Senior Commercial Breed** – over 8 months of age

Commercial Breed List

Satin
 Crème D'Argent
 Silver Fox
 Beveren
 Giant Angora
 Blanc De Hotot
 Giant Chinchilla
 Californian
 New Zealand

Division 81 – Fancy Breeds (purebred rabbits only)

Class 10 **Junior Fancy Breed** – under 6 months of age
 Class 20 **Int. Fancy Breed** – 6-8 months of age
 Class 30 **Senior Fancy Breed** – over 8 months of age

Fancy Breed List

American Sable
 Lilac
 American Fuzzy Lop
 Mini Rex
 Belgian Hare
 Mini Lop
 Britannia Petite
 Mini Satins
 Dutch
 Netherland Dwarf
 Dwarf Hotot

Division 83 – Pet Class

Class 10 **Pet Class**
 For crossbred rabbits only. Rabbits are judged on: care-condition, temperament and other qualities looked for in pets

Division 84 – Market Class

Class 10 **Single Fryer** – 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs under 69 days of age
 Class 20 **Meat Pen of Three** – 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs under 69 days of age
 Class 30 **Roaster** – over 5 ½ lb

Resources:

- Rabbit – Learn about rabbit breeds; Learn how to care for a rabbit; Learn to tattoo a rabbit; Learn about genetics and rabbit breeding.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/15
- Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hrabbit>

Dept. G – Educational Display for Animal Entries

General Information:

- 4-H'ers are invited to create a poster highlighting an educational aspect of their animal project. The poster could focus on a current livestock issue, animal industry career, animal care or health, economic impacts of the livestock industry, within the species of dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, and rabbit.
- Posters will be displayed in the entrance of the Rabbit and Poultry barn or the 4-H Exhibit Building as a way to increase educational experiences of both the 4-H member and the general public increasing agriculture literacy and promoting good will at the Sheridan County Fair.
- Entries are limited to those that reference species that stall on the fairgrounds during the Sheridan County Fair. Species include dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, and rabbit. (Horse, small animal, and dog posters are not allowed in this division).
- Posters will be judged on static entry day of the Sheridan County Fair in the Photography division.
- Posters may be displayed in the respective barns based on the focus of the exhibit.
- Poster display should be sturdy enough to last through the fair and no larger than 22" x 28". Only standard poster board will be accepted. Foam Board or cardboard posters are discouraged. NOTE: Please take into consideration that these exhibits may be displayed inside the barns and may not be returned to the exhibitor in the original condition at the time of entry.
- All entries must match the specie of livestock they have entered at the county fair. For example, if a 4-H'er is exhibiting beef, their entry must be about beef and not another species.
- **Posters will be judged.**

Division 90 – Educational Display

Class 100 Educational Display

Dept. G – Cat

General Information:

- **Cats are to be photo identified by June 1, with Exhibitor's name, cat's name, breed, age and sex, and vaccination records.** If the cat's vaccinations are due after this date, the vaccination record must be brought by July 1.
- Exhibitors may show 1 cat per class, up to 3 total animals.
- All cats are to be caged or on leash at all times and will be released after judging.
- Exhibitors are to furnish own cage. Cage and accessories are included in the Showmanship judging.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own carpet/mat to show on.
- Classes may be offered for cats of identifiable breeds, if five or more are entered.
- Cats must be at least 4 months old.
- All cats must be vaccinated for distemper and rabies. Any cat not vaccinated will not show.
- All cats must be vaccinated at least 2 weeks before the show. All vaccinations must have a veterinarian's signature.
- Any sick or injured cat will not show (superintendent and judge will decide).
- Any abuse of cats on fairgrounds or in show ring will result in disqualification.

Division 690 – Cat Showmanship

Class 10	Sr. Cat Showmanship – age 14+, by January 1
Class 20	Int. Cat Showmanship – age 11, 12, 13, by January 1
Class 30	Jr. Cat Showmanship – age 9 and 10, by January 1
Class 40	Novice Cat Showmanship – age 8, by January 1

Division 691 – Cats & Kittens

Class 40	Kitten (4-8 months)
Class 50	Cat (over 8 months)
Class 60	Senior Cat Class (for cats of 5 years of age and older)

Class 70 **Costume Class** – will involve the cat dressed in a costume. At their option, the exhibitor may also dress in a costume and decorate their cat carrier. A decorated cat carrier may be displayed in the exhibit building during fair week. A short preparation time for the costume classes will be allowed during the cat show.

- Gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats: 4 weeks

Division 695 – Companion Animals

sf Class 10 **Pet Rabbit** – Rabbits shown in the pet class are not judged on breed standards, therefore mixed breed rabbits can be entered and ear tattoos are not required. These animals can be used for Rabbit Showmanship. **These animals cannot sell at the Livestock Sale and will not go on the sale consignment.** Quality Assurance is not required to show Pet Rabbits.

sf Class 20 **Small Household Pets** – includes only ferrets, guinea pigs, chinchillas and hedgehogs

Class 30 **Fish**

Class 40 **Hamsters, Gerbils, Rats, Mice**

Class 50 **Reptiles, Amphibians**

Class 60 **Birds**

Class 70 **Other**

Resources:

- Cat – Learn about cat breeds, senses, shows, tricks, signs of illness and health, cat sounds, emergency situations, feeding, special diets, and traveling with cats.

https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/207

Dept. G – Companion Animal

General Information:

- Companion animals will be checked-in and released on the same day. They must have their own cage and all shots.
- Judging will begin immediately after the Poultry Show.
- Show Procedure: Exhibitors must be present at time of showing. Animals must be in a cage at all times unless judge asks to remove them. If being shown in a travel cage, exhibitors should bring photographs of the animal's normal habitat.
- Exhibitors may show one entry per class, up to 3 total animals.
- Each exhibitor will be interviewed on their knowledge of their animal and its care.
- **The Judge will evaluate the participant on the following basis: knowledge of the project - 45 points, interview - 20 points, health of the animal - 20, cage and appropriate housing - 15 points.**
- Ferrets require rabies vaccine, submit health form signed by the veterinarian with the Fair Entry Form.
- Disqualified Animals - Any animal showing signs of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds.
- Age of animals - All animals must be weaned prior to show. Minimum age of animals to be shown:
 - Pet rabbits: 9 weeks
 - Ferrets: 12 weeks
 - Guinea pigs: 4 weeks
 - Chinchillas: 7 weeks
 - Hedge hogs: 5 weeks

Resources:

- Other Pet or Small Animal – Find out what it costs to have a pet; Learn about animal digestion; Learn to keep a pet healthy; Consider a career with animals
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/6

Dept. G – Dog

General Information:

- **Dogs are to be photo identified by June 1, with Exhibitor's name, dog's name, breed, age and sex, and vaccination records.** If the dog's vaccinations are due after this date, the vaccination record must be brought in July 1.
- All dogs **must** be vaccinated for distemper, rabies and parvo. Vaccination records must have a veterinarian's signature. Any dog not vaccinated will not show. Any sick or injured dog will not show.
- Exhibitors may show 2 dogs.
- Dogs must be at least 6 months of age by the Dog Show.
- Dogs in season will not be allowed to show.
- Any abuse of dogs on show grounds or in the show ring will **not** be tolerated and result in disqualification.
- Dogs must be attended on leash or kenneled at all times not showing.
- This is an unbenched 4-H Dog Show and may not be consistent with all AKC rules.

- Showmanship 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%).
- Obedience - The exhibitor may select the obedience class best suited for his dog (exception: dogs with AKC "Champion Dog" degree may not compete in the Beginning Novice obedience class). Those with "CDX" or "UD" degrees may not compete.
- Obedience - Dogs receiving first place in an obedience class at County Fair must advance to the next obedience class. The dog may stay in the Graduate Novice as long as the handler wishes. If your Graduate Novice dog fits the Open Class, you are encouraged to participate.
- Obedience - Dogs will stay at their highest attained Class. A "new" handler must enter at the level of the dog, whether a beginner or not.
- Bring your dog to the fairgrounds for check-in. Confirm all class entries.
- Dogs are released to take home after the show.
- No dogs allowed at the cat show!

Division 700 – Dog Showmanship

- Class 1 **Novice Showmanship** – 8 years old.
- ^{sf} Class 10 **Junior Showmanship** – 9-10 years old
- ^{sf} Class 20 **Intermediate Showmanship** – 11-13 years old
- ^{sf} Class 30 **Senior Showmanship** – 14-18 years old

Division 701 – Dog Obedience Class

- Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4-H 421
- Beginning Novice-All exercises must be performed on a 6-foot leash. Dogs must heel, including figure 8; come on recall; stand for examination; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. The leash may lie on the floor in front of the dog or be held by the handler.

- Class 10 **Beginning Novice Division A** – Handler and the dog being shown are both in their first year of county, district, or state 4-H experience, started Dog Project after October 1, 2020. Dog being shown may not have completed on AKC "leg" toward a "CD" degree. Handlers and dogs may show only one year in Division A. They must advance to Division B.
- Class 20 **Beginning Novice Division B** – Exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition
- Class 25 **Beginning Novice Division C** – Exhibitor and dog are beyond their first year of competition
- Class 30 **Novice A** – exhibitor and dog is in first year of Novice Class competition, started after October 1, 2020. Must have received a purple from the Beginning Novice Division.
- Class 35 **Novice B** – exhibitor and dog is beyond first year of Novice Class competition.
- Class 40 **Graduate Novice** – Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free; come on recall off leash, long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes, both with handler out of sight.
- Class 45 **Advanced Graduate Novice**
- Class 50 **Open** – All exercises off leash. Heel free and figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump, long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes, both with handler out of sight.

Division 703 – General

- Class 10 **Costume Contest** – Have fun, be creative, match exhibitor and dogs

Resources:

- Learn basic skills for dog care and training; Explore dog health, nutrition, care, showmanship, and training; Investigate responsible breeding; diseases, dog roles, and careers.
https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/8
- Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hdog>