

2022 SIOUX COUNTY FAIR BOOK



SIoux COUNTY FAIR YOUTH DIVISION

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

Revised: 2022

I. ELIGIBILITY: Youth Division

- a. ALL 4-H DIVISIONS except OPEN YOUTH LIVESTOCK CLASSES and FFA CLASSES.
- b. Must be enrolled in the Sioux County 4-H program
- c. Must be enrolled in the appropriate project.
- d. Non-4-H youth can enter in the Open Class division.

II. SIOUX COUNTY 4-H YOUTH HORSE SHOW

- a. Open to 4-H Exhibitors from any county.
- b. Show will adhere to Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Rules

III. OPEN YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

- a. Show is open to all youth ages 5-18 by January 1st of the current year. Those youth ages 5-7 will be allowed to participate in given that an adult assists them and stays with them in the ring.
- b. Sioux County exhibitors will receive premiums based on their ribbon grouping.
- c. Out-of-county exhibitors will receive premiums based on their placing within a class. Premiums will be paid at the following rates:

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Showmanship				
PeeWee & Junior	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Intermediate	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Senior	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$3.00
Other Classes	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$3.00

FAIR ENTRIES

I. LIVESTOCK

- a. All animals must be owned by the youth exhibitor or by the family or in the name of the ranch or farm.
- b. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for herdsmanship of their own exhibits, stall, or pen space and alley space.
- c. No professional groomers are permitted to help exhibitors.
- d. Animals should be shown by the exhibitor when possible. Substitute youth showmen must be approved by the show superintendent. Only animals entered by the exhibitor can be used for showmanship contests.

- e. Dress Code – Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dairy goat, sheep, and swine are required to wear western clothing and hard sole shoes or boots. Horse exhibitors: See Horse Show Section.

II. GENERAL

- a. Any exhibitor who is found to have tampered with, doctored, or entered an exhibit that is his not his/her work will forfeit any premium, ribbon, and cash prizes and exhibitor will be placed on probation. A second offense will cause disqualification from further competition or participation in the youth division of the Sioux County Fair.
- b. All entries must be entered and in place by the deadlines set by each division. This information is available at the County Extension Office and it will also be publicized BUT it is the exhibitor's responsibility to obtain information.
- c. The judges will place all creditable exhibits in each class into four ribbon groups according to excellence. These ribbon groupings include:
 - i. Purple – Superior
 - ii. Blue – Excellent
 - iii. Red – Good
 - iv. White – Satisfactory
- d. In case of no competition, the judge will decide which ribbon placing the exhibit deserves. Trophy winners and/or exhibits designated for State Fair should be purple ribbon quality.
- e. Fair prizes will be awarded to 4-H members at the Annual Fun Feed. Prizes will be considered for the following categories: Family and Consumer (home environment, heritage, consumer management, human development), Healthy Living (cooking, safety, food preservation), Clothing (shopping in style, beyond the needle, sewing), Visual Arts (photography, sketchbook crossroads, portfolio pathway), SET (entomology, welding, wood science, conservation, computers, robotics, rockets, etc.), and Plant Science (horticulture and range). Final discretion is up to the 4-H Council.
- f. For livestock shows, 4-H prizes will be awarded to Sioux County 4-H members at the Annual Fun Feed. The ribbons received will be turned into a point value (Champion 5 points plus points for ribbon color, Reserve 3 points plus points for ribbon color, Purple =5, Blue =3, Red =2, and White=1) then added together for a total and divided by maximum points possible to create a percentage. The Champion and Reserve Champion points will be added if a youth member receives a Champion or Reserve Champion designation for the division. For example: Champion Stocker Feeder, Breeding Heifer, Breeding Bull, Market Beef, Bucket Calf, Breeding Lamb, Market Lamb, Top Bird, etc.). The member with the highest percentage will receive the prize. If there is a tie, the member that placed the best in Showmanship will be the recipient.
- g. The superintendent will determine eligibility/ineligibility of an exhibit in their division. All ineligible items will not be judged or displayed.
- h. A member cannot enroll in the same 4-H project area in more than one county or state in the same year.
- i. State Fair Eligibility Requirements for Exhibitors: Only classes with an asterisk (*) in front of the number are eligible for State Fair entry. An exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting in the county which he/she represents. In classes where presence of the 4-Her is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations, and fashion show, a 4-H member must be age 10 by January 1st of the current year. For classes where the presence of the 4-Her is not required, the exhibitor must be age 8 by January 1st of the current year.
- j. Interview Judging will be conducted on all 4-H Static Exhibit Projects.

III. NUMBER OF EXHIBITS PER CLASS

- a. Livestock and Horse – No limit on number of entries BUT an exhibitor cannot earn more than two premiums in each class.
- b. Home Economics – No limit at county level, but State fair entries are limited by the State Fair rules.

IV. EXHIBITOR RELEASE TIMES

- a. Art Hall – Released at 3:00 pm on the Sunday of Fair.
- b. Horses, livestock, and other animals released after respective shows.

V. PREMIUMS

- a. Premiums will be paid at the following rates to county youth.

Division	Purple	Blue	Red	White
Beef	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$3.00
Horse	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Dairy Cattle	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$3.00
Sheep & Goats	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Swine	\$8.50	\$6.50	\$3.50	\$2.00
Small Animals	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Static Exhibits	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

Clover Kid Exhibits will each receive a \$1.00 premium.

VI. Protest Committee

- a. The respective division committee has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the Sioux County Fair book, and these will be adhered to by all.
- b. A committee shall be appointed to serve as a grievance committee. They will meet when needed, to act upon concerns. All protests must be submitted in writing and signed.
- c. Written protests must be submitted to the county fair division committees.
- d. The written protest must include:
 - i. Names of persons involved
 - ii. Nature of concerns
 - iii. Situation and documentation

- iv. Recommendations for correction
 - v. Specific action, rule, etc. in question
 - vi. Additional person committee may contact for further clarification
 - vii. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission to the fair superintendent
- e. The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show officials to include County Fair management, if appropriate, prior to making a final decision. The committee will recommend appropriate action to management in writing. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
 - f. In cases of protest, the exhibitor may be allowed to show, but results of showing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process. This allows for smooth operation of the show and facilitates appropriate processing.
 - g. The management reserves the right to withhold premiums and/or awards. The exhibitor may also be excluded from the show if action warrants.
 - h. Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the Sioux County Fair.

VII. Disclaimer of Responsibility for Exhibits at the Sioux County Fair

- a. Exhibits at the Sioux County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Sioux County, in association with the Sioux County Agricultural Society, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension or the Sioux County Agricultural Society or the Sioux County 4-H Council cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed and the number of exhibits. People who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of fair.
- b. While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the county fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury.

VIII. Drugs and Alcohol Policy

- a. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in the youth section of the Sioux County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.

RANGE MANAGEMENT

The purpose of this category is to help 4-H'ers identify and collect range plants. In addition, participants will learn the basics of range management, and Nebraska's range. Through the creation of range boards 4-H'ers will become more proficient in knowledge of Nebraska's range.

RULES

- A. Each exhibit must be properly identified with Unit and Class.
- B. All plant displays and display covers must be the result of the current year's work.
- C. Plant identification and lists of appropriate plants in each category (grasses, forbs, shrubs, and grass-like plants) can be found in the Range Judging Handbook and Contest Guide (EC150, Revised July 2016), Common Grasses of Nebraska (EC170), and Common Forbs and Shrubs of Nebraska (EC118).
- D. The purpose of these exhibits is to demonstrate to the public the benefits from the study and application of crop, weed, range and soil sciences to solving problems in management, conservation, sustainability, and environmental protection. For guidelines on specific projects, refer to appropriate project manuals.

BOOKS

For books, plants must be mounted on sheets that are no larger than 14" wide by 14" high. Plants should be glued rather than taped and the mounts should be protected with a clear cover. Proper plant mount should include root as well as stem and leaf tissue.

Exhibits will be judged based on completeness of plant mount, accuracy of identification, labeling, neatness, and conformation to project requirements.

Each completed mount must have the following information (see example below) in the lower right corner of the mounting sheet:

1. Scientific name (in italic or underlined), with authority
2. Common name
3. County of collection
4. Collection date
5. Collector's name
6. Personal collection number, indicating order that plants were collected in your personal collection
7. Other information, depending on class selected, i.e., value and importance, life span, growth season, origin, major types of range plants.

This information should be typed or printed neatly.

- *D330001** **Value & Importance for Livestock Forage & Wildlife Habitat & Food Book** - (SF260) - A collection of 12 different plant mounts, with 4 classified as high value, 4 as medium value, & 4 as low value for livestock forage, wildlife habitat, or wildlife food. Value and importance classifications can be found in the Range Judging Handbook and Contest Guide (EC 150, Revised July 2016) starting on page 42. Plants can consist of any combination of grasses, grass-like plants, forbs, or shrubs. Assemble plant mounts in order of high, medium, and low value and importance. Label each plant mount with its value and importance classifications for each of the three areas: Livestock Forage, Wildlife Habitat, Wildlife Food.
- *D330002** **Life Span Book** – (SF260) - A collection of 6 perennial plant mounts and 6 annual plant mounts selected from grasses or forbs.
- *D330003** **Growth Season Book** - (SF260) - A collection of 6 cool-season grass mounts and 6 warm-season grass mounts.
- *D330004** **Origin Book** – (SF260) - A collection of plant mounts of 6 native range grasses and 6 introduced grasses. Introduced grasses are not from North America and often used to seed pastures.
- *D330005** **Major Types of Range Plants Book** – (SF260) - A collection of plant mounts of 3 grasses, 3 forbs, 3 grass-like, and 3 shrubs.
- *D330006** **Range Plant Collection Book** – (SF260) - A collection of 12 range plant mounts with something in common (i.e. poisonous to cattle, or historically used as food by Native Americans, or dye plants, or favorite antelope forage, etc.). Include a short paragraph in the front of the book which describes what the plants have in common and why you have chosen to collect them.

DISPLAYS

The purpose of the display is to tell an educational story to those that view the display. The display is a visual representation (pictures, charts, graphs) no larger than 28" by 28" on plywood or poster board. The display should be neatly titled. Make sure to label display with exhibitor's name, address, and county on back side.

***D330007** **Parts of a Range Plant Poster** – (SF259) - Mount a range plant on a poster board. Label all the plant parts. Include the plant label in the lower right corner, including the scientific and common name of the plant. Put your name and 4-H county on the back of the poster.

BOARDS

Boards should be no larger than 30" wide by 36" tall. Boards should be adequately labeled.

***D330008** **Special Study Board** – (SF260) - A display of the results of a clipping study, a degree of use study, range site study, etc. A short essay must accompany the display to explain the reason for the study, what was learned, and study results. This should be placed in a sheet cover attached to the board.

***D330010** **Junior Rancher Board** – (SF260) - This exhibit should include a ranch map with a record book or an appropriate educational display on some phase of rangeland or livestock management. A short essay must accompany the display to explain the purpose of the rancher board, what was learned, etc.

Resources:

- Reading the Range – Learn the names of range plants; Identify and collect range plants; Explore the basics of range management https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/116
- Using Nebraska Range – Study Nebraska grassland heritage; Understand plant vigor and the effects of grazing; Identify range sites; Calculate range conditions; Understand stocking rates https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/117
- Weed Science – Learn the names of range plants; Identify and collect range plants; Explore the basics of range management https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/118