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TO: 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS
FROM: PERKINS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

The product of your animal projects enters the food chain and they must provide a safe wholesome product for consumers. Ethical treatment of animals and ethical showing practices are imperative. Improper use of animal health products on show stock (tranquilizers not labeled for food animals, diuretics to make animals lose weight rapidly, anti-inflammatory agents and performance enhancing drugs) is not only unethical but in many cases illegal. Animals found containing these products at the slaughter plant must be destroyed. Read the label or check with your veterinarian. Exhibitors need to be fully aware of their responsibilities.

The livestock affidavit asks that you certify, to the best of your knowledge, that beef cattle, sheep and goats were not fed finishing rations that contain prohibited proteins such as ruminant meat and bone. The issue of food safety constantly has animal agriculture under the microscope; there can be no slack in providing consumers the assurance that animal products from your animal meet the highest of quality standards.

The County Fair Board is very concerned about the use of drugs at the Perkins County Fair. **THE LIVESTOCK STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE YOU RECEIVED WITH YOUR 4-H ENTRY PACKET MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN AT LIVESTOCK WEIGH IN/CHECK IN.**

ALL 4-H entries will be made ONLINE (perkins.fairwire.com). Step by step instructions were included with the 4-H entry packet that was mailed to you and are also available on the Perkins County 4-H fair page: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/perkins-chase/perkins-county-4-h-fair-page/> **Entries must be complete by NOON, Tuesday, June 25. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Market livestock entries that did not turn in ID forms by the June 3 deadline will be VOID. Market livestock exhibitors that did not complete Quality Assurance Training (YQCA) by the July 1 deadline will be allowed to SHOW but will NOT be eligible to SELL their market livestock.

Please consult the fair book found on the 4-H Fair Page (<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/perkins-chase/perkins-county-4-h-fair-page/>) before you begin the entry process. One entry is allowed per class unless stated otherwise in the fair book. **The number of classes that can be exhibited are limited for some divisions. REMEMBER TO MAKE A SEPARATE ENTRY FOR EACH ANIMAL YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT.** Do not forget to include tag numbers for each entry. This is mandatory.

There will be ONE livestock check in/weigh in time in 2024

Market Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goats will check in/weigh in TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 16 FROM 4:00-6:00 PM (please read check in instructions the back of this page regarding bucket calves/feeders/breeding livestock/dairy cattle and clover kid entries). Market animals will be weighed ONCE—there will be NO reweighs.

Livestock Vet Check

ALL large livestock will be Vet checked upon arrival at the fairgrounds for check in/weigh in. We ask that you **DO NOT** unload your animals until they have been checked by the Veterinarian.

***There will be a 4-H Livestock Parent/Exhibitor Meeting
Tuesday, July 16-6:00 PM in the Dance Hall***

***General show rules and guidelines will be reviewed
Livestock show questions will be answered
Meal will be provided by the 4-H Council***

Number of Animals That Can Be Shown:

Goats:	Market—3 Breeding—3 Dairy—3
Sheep:	Market—3 Breeding—2
Swine:	Market/Breeding combined —3
Beef:	Market—2 Breeding—3 Feeder—2 Dairy—2

Number of Market Animals That Can Sell:

- **ONE (1) market livestock animal per species with a maximum of TWO (2) species sold**
- **Livestock selling “premium only” MUST show at the Nebraska State Fair**



Livestock Stalls: Livestock stalls **WILL BE ASSIGNED**. Beef exhibitors may have a stall for each animal plus one extra stall per family if available. Blocking chutes are not allowed in the barn. Areas on each side of the barn will be designated for blocking chutes.

Swine Show: The swine show will take place at **8:00 AM Wednesday, July 17**.

Reminder: Minimum/Maximum Weights for Sale Eligibility are 220 lbs. Minimum and 325 lbs. Maximum.

Market Beef: The beef show will take place at **8:00 AM Thursday, July 18**. There will be three show classes for market beef. These classes will be determined by animal weight.

Bucket/Feeder Calves/Breeding Beef/Dairy Cattle: These animals should be brought in **Thursday morning (July 18) for the 8:00 AM beef show**.

Cow/Calf Class: These animals should be brought in **Thursday morning (July 18) for the 8:00 AM beef show**.

Goats/Sheep: All goats/sheep being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA official ID (Scrapies Tag). The sheep and goats will show **2:00 PM Thursday, July 18**.

CLOVER KIDS: ALL Clover Kid livestock will be brought in the day of the show. Market livestock will not be weighed and will not be eligible for the sale. Clover kids with older siblings may check in and pen their market livestock with their siblings if desired. Otherwise, we ask that Clover Kid livestock not be housed on the fairgrounds. NO ANIMALS OVER 350 LBS. MAY BE SHOWN BY CLOVER KIDS.

Showing & Grooming: Fitting and exhibiting of project livestock is an important part of the 4-H project. Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his/her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of a 4-H animal project. An animal must be shown by the 4-H owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused because of serious illness or disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg). An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another Perkins County 4-H member to show the additional animal in the class.

Exhibitors are expected to do the work in grooming their animals for the show. Only the 4-Her and immediate family are allowed to groom the animal at fair. Professional groomers are not permitted. **NEW for 2024—Exhibitors have the option of showing their livestock animals EITHER “full fit” OR “blow and go”.** Please see the 2024 Perkins County Livestock Fair Book for complete guidelines: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/perkins-chase/perkins-county-4-h-fair-page/>

Stalls and Animal Care: All pens and stalls will be identified with exhibitor cards. Ribbon placing stickers will be provided and should be placed on exhibit cards. Since the animals will be at the fair longer, it is important to remember that they are the responsibility of the **exhibitor/family from the moment they step onto the fairgrounds until they leave**. Even though the sale is on Friday, the animals will be cared for (fed, pens/areas cleaned, water clean and full, etc.) by the exhibitor until they leave the fairgrounds. Please refer to the livestock fair book online regarding “Care for Animals”.

Sale Flyers: Livestock sale flyers to advertise the auction will be available ONLINE. You will find them on the same page as the fair book: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/perkins-chase/perkins-county-4-h-fair-page/> It is the responsibility of the 4-H members and 4-H families to invite buyers and promote the sale. Hard copies of the sale flyer will be available for families to pick up from the Extension Office *upon request*.

2024 Livestock Sale: Sale regulations for the 2024 Perkins County Fair are as follows: Animals will be sold by the head. An exhibitor also has the option to sell for *premium only*. An animal sold for premium must be shown at the Nebraska State Fair. Failure to show will result in the loss of the premium. Premium from the sale will be distributed to the 4-H'er after completing the show. Animals that are not sold for premium are not eligible to be shown in any other livestock show. Animals that sell at the livestock sale are not eligible to show at another show.

Sale Catalog: Will be available in both hard copy and online.

**ALL LIVESTOCK NOT SOLD WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE BARN AND STALLS
WILL BE CLEANED BY 9:00 AM SATURDAY JULY 20. NO EXCEPTIONS!**