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# ANIMAL SCIENCE

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## SHOWMANSHIP & RECORDBOOKS

Each 4-H exhibitor participating in any of these Showmanship Contests must wear either a white shirt/blouse with 4-H Chevron, Arm Band or County/Club 4-H T-shirt, blue or dark denim jeans & proper footwear. It is recommended that all showmen wear hard-soled shoes. No hats or caps are allowed in the show ring. All FFA exhibitors are required to wear official FFA T-shirts when showing livestock. Dairy exhibitors are encouraged to wear white pants, white shirt with 4-H Chevron or a county fair shirt. This is not required! Grooming of animals shall be done according to the Platte County grooming rule. **Only the owner may show an exhibit in showmanship.** All animal exhibitors will be expected to participate in one or more Showmanship Contests or overall premium will be withheld.

Premium: Purple \$6.00; Blue \$5.00; Red \$4.00; White \$3.00.

**Record books complete to fair date will be turned in to superintendents during each specie check-in.** Record books are not required for Poultry, Rabbits, or Small Animals. Record books will then be judged for ribbon placing. Purple ribbon books will receive premium and the top book in each specie will receive a Grand Champion Rosette. **Record books found not complete or not turned in by end of each specie check-in will drop exhibitor one ribbon placing in showmanship.** Record Book Premium: Purple \$2.50 **All Pee Wee exhibitors should be 5 years and older not in 4-H and under 4-H age.** Due to Nebraska 4-H Policy, no Pee Wee exhibitors will be allowed to exhibit an animal over 350 lbs. Also, each Pee Wee exhibitor must have an older teen or adult accompany them while exhibiting. Parents of exhibitors will be required to sign a waiver releasing Ag Park of any liability of their youth while participating.

## ROUND ROBIN CHAMPION SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

The Champion Senior Showman in Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine will automatically be entered into the Round Robin Showmanship Competition taking place on Saturday at 4:00 pm. There will be one judge for the competition, meaning all four youth will show the same specie at the same time. There will be a beef, goat, sheep and swine class, with 4 head of livestock secured in each specie. Youth will draw for the tag number of the animal they will show. If a youth is Champion Senior Showman in more than one specie, they will choose one specie to represent and the Reserve Champion in the specie they don't choose will move into the competition. If the Grand Champion Showman for a particular species is ineligible, the Reserve Champion will be selected to participate. If the Grand and Reserve Champion showman are ineligible to compete, a representative will be chosen and placed in the final showmanship judging round. Previous Round Robin winners will not be eligible to compete in Round Robin for the same species in the future. They will be eligible if they win in another species' Senior Division. The Previous year's winner will be recognized by being a ring assistant and/or handout the prize to the new winner.

## HERDSMANSHIP

All animal clubs will participate and will automatically be entered in Herdsmanship. All animal clubs will be required to follow the guidelines. No leaders or adults will be permitted to clean stalls or alleys. If violated, no points for that day. Exhibitors are encouraged to display names of project animals. Herdsmanship can be judged at any time of the day but will not be judged during the show of any given species.

Premium: Purple \$8.00; Blue \$6.50

### **Guidelines/ Basis of Rating**

Herdsmanship guides and rules are being modified for 2024, not available at time of fair book printing. Watch newsletters for updated guidelines.

Premiums will be placed according to the following point scale.

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|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|-------|-------|------|
| Purple | 100-94 | Blue | 93-87 | Red | 86-80 | White | 79-0 |
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## BEEF CATTLE

A 4-H and FFA member may show not more than two market beef, two feeder calves and two breeding heifers; and one Market Pen of Three. The same animals may not compete in more than one class (exception: class X--110.) Per Nebraska 4-H Policy, Clover Kids and/or Pee Wee are not allowed to show any Beef animal over 350 lbs. Cattle showing a degree of warts may not be permitted to show. Contact Fair Veterinarian if in question.

Premium: Purple \$20.00; Blue \$16.00; Red \$12.00; White \$8.00

### **Breeding Heifers**

All breeding heifers must be certified on a 4-H or FFA breeding livestock affidavit form (4-HF 88) on or before May 15 to be eligible to show in the breeding heifer division. To be eligible to show in a registered class, the breeding heifer must have an official breed registration from their breed association. **Registered heifers must have a legible tattoo matching their registration. Commercial breeding heifers are also identified by an ear tattoo or EID tag.** Maine-Anjou heifers must be 3/4 blood and above, heifers registered CHI-Maine are not acceptable and will be shown as Commercial. In the Shorthorn breed, heifers must be 15/16 registered purebreds. In the Simmental breed, heifers must be 3/4 blood and above. **Breeding Heifers will be shown with no glue or paint.** The breeding heifer show will consist of two divisions: registered and commercial. Registered classes will be shown by breed then age. There will have to be three of a breed to have its own class, otherwise, it will be shown in the AOB division. Commercial classes will be shown by age. Superintendents will make the decision which classes the animal will enter if in question. The champion and reserve champion Registered and Commercial breeding heifers will compete for the Overall Breeding Heifer selection. State class number with the appropriate breeding heifer number in place of the dashes.

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|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 12. Angus                | 17. Hereford    | 21. Shorthorn              |
| 13. Charolais            | 18. Limousin    | 22. Simmental              |
| 14. Chianina             | 19. Maine Anjou | 23. All Other Breeds (AOB) |
| 15. Commercial/Crossbred |                 |                            |

**Class No.**

- X -- 70 Junior Heifer Calves-calved between 1/1 and 3/31/24.
- X -- 60 Late Senior Heifer Calves-calved November & December 2023.
- X -- 50 Early Senior Heifer Calves-calved September & October 2023.
- X -- 40 Late Summer Yearling Heifers-July & August 2023.
- X -- 30 Early Summer Yearling Heifers-May & June 2023.
- X -- 20 Late Junior Yearling Heifers-March & April 2023.
- X -- 10 Early Junior Yearling Heifers-January & February 2023.
- X -- 80 Late Senior Yearling Heifers-November & December 2022.
- X -- 90 Early Senior Yearling Heifers-September & October 2022.
- X -- 100 Two-year-or-older-calved prior to 8/31/22 (not calved).
- X -- 110 Cow and Calf (Calf born after 1/1 & can be shown as Feeder Calf)

**Progress Beef**

It is suggested that animals weighing under 1,100 pounds for steers and 1000 pounds for heifers, are shown in Progress Beef classes.

**Class No.**

- X 11 13 Heifers
- X 11 14 Steers

**Market Beef**

Market steer or heifer are to be born on or after September 1 of the previous year. A minimum weight of 1000 lbs. for Market Heifers and 1100 lbs. for Market Steers to receive a purple. All market beef receiving money from the Livestock Sale will go to harvest and will be tested for any drug residue. If a beef is found to have any drug residue, the family will be suspended from exhibiting beef the following year at the Platte County Fair. **REMINDER:** Immediately following the selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market beef, hair from the grand and reserve champion animals will be pulled. The sample collected after the naming of the champions will be sent to a lab to be tested against the sample collected from that animal from the February weigh-in. If DNA does not match after testing, youth exhibitor forfeits all livestock sale money and youth is banned from exhibiting at the following year's Platte County Fair. (moved up from below) The market beef show will be divided into the following divisions: crossbred steer division, one division for British breed steers, and one market heifer division. For judging, divisions and classes will be divided by weight. The British division will be subdivided into Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn steer classes. Steers in the British division must be owned by the exhibitor, be registered by the official breed association, and exhibit breed characteristics typical of a purebred animal of the breed in which they are entered. Appendix Shorthorn/Shorthorn Plus steers will not be accepted in the purebred Shorthorn steer class. First and second place purples from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of the British Division. If more than one class per breed, classes will be determined by weight. The division champions and reserve division champions will compete for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Market Animal. **Choosing to fit or blow and show is at the exhibitor's discretion. The classes will only be broken up by weight according to the classes below.**

**Class No.**

- X 11 25 Registered Market Steers (Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn)
- X 11 30 Crossbred Market Heifers
- X 11 35 Crossbred Market Steers

X 11 95 Market Bucket/Feeder Returning class (This class is specifically for returning market bucket or feeder calves that exhibited at county fair in 2023 to show at the fair in 2024. Bucket calves will now need to be verified on an ID sheet with a 4-H ear tag. The calves will be required to weigh-in at the annual market beef weigh in if planning to return the second year. Weigh-in is not required for the first year bucket calf. This will be the last class of the beef show and will be sale eligible.)

**Market Beef Rate-of-Gain**

Rate-of-Gain will be calculated from the beginning weight (weight on the February weigh-in date) to the final weight (weight at County Fair weigh-in date).

Premium: 1st - Banner & \$10.00; 2nd \$9.00; 3rd \$8.00; 4th \$7.00; 5th \$6.00

**Class No.**

- X 26 31 All individual market or progress steers and heifers who participated in weigh-in will compete in this class.

**Feeder Calf**

The purpose of this division is to allow club members to select calves that will be shown as market animals the following year. All breeds will be shown together. To be eligible to show in the feeder calf class, the calf must be born during the calendar year, and identified by May 15. Heifers, steers, or bulls are eligible. Calves shown in Class X---110 are eligible. The first and second purple in the heifer and steer/bull division will compete for the Champion and Reserve Champion Feeder Calf selection.

Premium: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$6.00; White \$4.00

**Class No.**

- X 7 21 Heifers
- X 7 22 Steers/Bulls

## Beef Showmanship

Beef will be no fit (No Glue or Paint) for showmanship. See Showmanship department for Rules, Regulations and Premium.

### Class No.

**X 1 10** Beef Senior - Exhibitors 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 1 20** Beef Intermediate - Exhibitors 12-14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 1 30** Beef Junior - Exhibitors 11 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

## Bucket Calf Interview

Record books (required) must be dropped off at the Extension Office/4-H Fair Office a week prior to fair. **NEW:** Posters (optional) are due at check-in. (4-H staff are no longer making the posters from record books). Exhibitors are to create their own poster. Posters are for fair presentation purposes only and not part of the judging process. Poster size must be 22 inches x 28 inches. Interviews will take place on Thursday of County Fair by scheduled interview time only. Stop by 4-H Fair office to schedule interview time. Check Entry Schedule for more specifics.

Premium: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$6.00; White \$4.00

### Class No.

**X 7 25** Bucket Calf Junior - 11 and under years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 7 30** Bucket Calf Intermediate - 12 - 14 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 7 35** Bucket Calf Senior - 15 years of age and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

## Bucket Calf Obstacle

Bucket calf will use obstacle course for Showmanship. See Showmanship department for Rules, Regulations and Premium.

### Class No.

**X 7 9** Bucket Calf Junior - 11 and under years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 7 10** Bucket Calf Intermediate - 12 - 14 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 7 11** Bucket Calf Senior - 15 years of age and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

## Market Pen of Three

Each member is allowed one pen. All animals will be slaughtered. Animals will not be shown individually. Animals should weigh at least 1100 pounds for steers and 1000 pounds for heifers. All animals must have attached ear tags prior to arrival for final weigh-in. If not, they will drop a ribbon placing and cannot participate in the Rate-Of-Gain Contest. **Exhibitors may be interviewed and information sheet must be completed at time of show.**

Premium: Purple ribbon pens \$30.00; Blue \$25.00; Red \$20.00; White \$15.00

### Class No.

**X 25 24** Pen of Heifers

**X 25 25** Pen of Steers

**X 25 26** Pen of Mixed (Steers & Heifers)

Carcass information will be given on quality grade, yield grade, loin eye area, back fat, hot carcass weight and cutability. Animals must be eligible for Rate-of-Gain to be eligible for carcass premiums.

Premium: Purple ribbon pens \$30.00; Blue \$25.00; Red \$20.00; White \$15.00

### Class No.

**X 25 27** Carcass Heifers

**X 25 28** Carcass Steers

**X 25 29** Carcass Mixed (Steers & Heifers)

Rate-of-Gain will be calculated from the beginning weight (weight on the February weigh-in date) to the final weight (weight at Pen of 3 weigh-in date).

Premium: 1st - Banner & \$10.00; 2nd \$9.00; 3rd \$8.00; 4th \$7.00; 5th \$6.00

### Class No.

**X 26 30** Pen of Three Rate-of-Gain

## DAIRY CATTLE

An overall champion and reserve champion will be selected. Senior yearlings that have freshened on or before the day of the show must be shown in the class for two-year olds. A 4-H and FFA exhibitor may show not more than three dairy animals. Exhibitors of purebred cattle must present certificates of registration or proof of registration and exhibitors of grade cattle must have animals properly identified so that the owners can be checked prior to the show. Dairy animals can only be shown once in classes X--80 through X--130. Per Nebraska 4-H Policy, Clover Kids and/or Pee Wee are not allowed to show any Dairy animal over 350 lbs. Fresh cows are to be stalled by 8 a.m. on show day and released one hour after completion of show. Dairy animals will be shown in their respective breed classes by age. Only an Overall Dairy Animal will be awarded.

Premium: Purple \$20.00; Blue \$16.00; Red \$12.00; White \$8.00

### Breeds

41. Ayrshire

43. Guernsey

45. Jersey

42. Brown Swiss

44. Holstein

46. Milking Shorthorn

47. Cross

### Class No.

**X -- 10** Spring Heifer Calves (Born 3/1/24-4/30/24)

**X -- 20** Winter Heifer Calves (Born 12/1/23-2/29/24)

**X -- 30** Fall Heifer Calves (Born 9/1/23-11/30/23)

- X -- 40 Summer Yearlings (Born 6/1/23-8/31/23)
- X -- 50 Spring Yearlings (Born 3/1/23-5/31/23)
- X -- 60 Winter Yearlings (Born 12/1/22-2/28/23)
- X -- 70 Fall Yearlings (Born 9/1/22-11/30/22)
- X -- 80 Dry Cow (Any age)
- X -- 90 Junior Two Year Olds (Born 3/1/21-8/31/22)
- X -- 100 Senior Two Year Olds (Born 9/1/20-2/28/21)
- X -- 110 Three Year Olds (Born 9/1/20-8/31/21)
- X -- 120 Four Year Olds (Born 9/1/19-8/31/20)
- X -- 130 Five Year Olds and Older (Prior to 9/1/19)
- X -- 140 Junior Dairy Herds\*
- X -- 150 Best Udder\*\*

\*Junior Dairy Herd - Exhibitor will enter three females (all registered or all grade) with at least one cow that has freshened (2 years old or over) and at least one of the three animals to be "bred by exhibitor", and all to be of the same breed. "Bred by Exhibitor" is defined as -owner of the dam when she was bred for this calf. Record book (F-2-53-82), "4-H Dairy Production Record", must be submitted at the time the entries are checked in. Production records to be used for scoring in the Junior Dairy Herd must meet the same criteria as those listed for Dairy Production Awards. No exceptions will be made.

\*\*The Best Udder Class is added to encourage dairy members to select cows with good udders. All Cows in Milk should be shown. Cows will be judged in class with top cows brought back for top placing.

### **Showmanship**

See Showmanship Department for Rules, Regulations and Premium.

**Class No.**

- X 4 10 Dairy Senior - Exhibitors 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 4 20 Dairy Intermediate - Exhibitors 12-14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 4 30 Dairy Junior - Exhibitors 11 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

### **GOATS**

A 4-H and FFA exhibitor will show a maximum of four breeding and four market goats. Goats in breeding classes cannot be shown as a market goat and market goats cannot be shown as a breeding goat. Scrapie tags are required in all goats shown. Short scrotum, cryptorchid or buck kids are not eligible for market kids. All goats to be shown with halter or chain with lead. The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping and exhibiting the goat with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. **Goats may be braced but will require that all four feet are on the ground. The use of such practices may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing. (Lifting the goat in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable).**

Premium: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$6.00; White \$4.00

### ***Dairy Goat Division***

Select class number with the appropriate breed number in place of the dashes.

#### **Breeds**

- |              |                    |           |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 51. Alpine   | 55. Recorded Grade | 58. Other |
| 52. LaMancha | 56. Saanen         |           |
| 53. Nubian   | 57. Toggenburg     |           |

**Class No.**

- X -- 10 Kid Does (born after 1/1/24)
- X -- 20 Late Junior Does (born 6/1/23-12/31/23)
- X -- 30 Early Junior Does (born 1/1/23-5/31/23)
- X -- 40 Senior Does Born Before (1/1/23)
- X -- 60 Dairy Herds - three females with one doe in milk and at least one of the three animals to be "Bred by Exhibitor" and all to be the same breed.

### ***Meat Goat Division***

#### **Breeding Meat Goat**

Registered breeding meat goats must have up-to-date registration papers in the name of the exhibitor, family or farm name, and meet industry standards for breed type, color, and confirmation. Breed divisions will be divided up by weight at the discretion of the goat superintendents.

**Class No.**

- X 80 10 Registered (ABGA) Kid Does (born after 1/1/24)
- X 83 20 Registered (ABGA) Doe (born 1/1/23 - 12/31/23)
- X 85 30 Registered (ABGA) Doe (born before 1/1/23)
- X 90 10 Commercial Kid Does (born after 1/1/24)
- X 93 20 Commercial Doe

### Market Meat Goat

Market goats under 50 lbs. are not eligible for purple ribbons. All Market Goats must be born on or after December 1 of the previous year. All market goats receiving money from the Livestock Sale will go to harvest and will be tested for any drug residue. If a goat is found to have any drug residue, the family will be suspended from exhibiting goats the following year at the Platte County Fair.

**REMINDER:** Immediately following the selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market goat, hair from the grand and reserve champion animals will be pulled. The sample collected after the naming of the champions will be sent to a lab to be tested against the sample collected from that animal from the May DNA pulled deadline. If DNA does not match after testing, youth exhibitor forfeits all livestock sale money and youth is banned from exhibiting at the following year's Platte County Fair. The market goat show will be broken into 3 divisions: lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight. The division champion and reserve division champion will compete for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goat.

#### Class No.

**X 65 5** Market Wether and/or Doe Goat

**X 65 1** Obstacle Course

### Showmanship

See Showmanship Department for Rules, Regulations and Premium.

#### Class No.

**X 9 10** Goat Senior - Exhibitors 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 9 20** Goat Intermediate - Exhibitors 12-14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 9 30** Goat Junior - Exhibitors 11 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

### Bottle Goat Project

Each member is allowed entry of 1 bottle goat project. Bottle goats will only be allowed to show in the bottle goat class. Bottle goats can be any breed of goat. Bottle goats must only display milk teeth and must be born no later than May 1. All male bottle goats must be neutered and healed prior to fair. Judging criteria: • RECORD BOOKS — All exhibitors must present their record book to the superintendent at weigh-in time. INTERVIEWS (50 points) (time and location TBA) — The judge will score each exhibitor on their knowledge and experience with the project. (25 points) • SHOW EVALUATION — The judge will score each exhibitor on their animal handling skills in the arena. Animals must be washed and groomed, but clipping is optional. The health and wellness of the animal will be judged. (25 points) Interviews will take place on Thursday by appointment only. Stop in the fair office to schedule the interview time.

#### Class No.

**X 63 1** Bottle Goat Project Junior- under 12 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 63 2** Bottle Goat Project Senior- 12 years of age and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

## SWINE

Under no circumstances will swine originating from a quarantined herd be allowed. **Four market and/or breeding swine allowed in one lot per exhibitor. One lot will be allowed in FFA and one lot in 4-H. One lot cannot have more than 3 market swine or 3 breeding swine.**

Premium: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$6.00; White \$4.00

### Breeding Gilts

All breeding gilts are to be born after November 1 of the previous year. Purebred gilts must have up-to-date registration papers in the name of the exhibitor, family or farm name, and meet industry standards for breed type, color, and confirmation. Breeding gilts will be identified by their ear notch, as listed on the ID sheet. Breeding gilts will be shown by breed divisions for purebred gilts. Breeds with a minimum of 3 purebred gilts or more will show in their own breed division. Purebred breed gilts in breeds with fewer than 3 purebred entries will be eligible to show in the "All Other Breeds" division. Purebred gilts must have up-to-date registration papers in the name of the exhibitor, family or farm name, and meet industry standards for breed type, color, and confirmation. Breed divisions may be divided up by age at the discretion of the swine superintendent. Commercial gilts can be crossbred gilts, gilts of pure breeds that do not meet breed standards or gilts that do not have up to date registration papers. Gilts may not be shown in both breeding and market classes. The breeding gilt show will consist of two divisions: purebred and crossbred. The champion and reserve champion purebred and crossbred breeding gilts will compete for the Overall Breeding Gilt selection.

10. Berkshire  
20. Chester White  
30. Duroc  
40. Hampshire

50. Hereford  
60. Poland China  
70. Spotted Swine

80. Yorkshire  
100. Crossbred  
110. All Other Breeds (AOB)

#### Class No.

**X 35 --** Breeding Gilt

### Market Swine

All market swine receiving money from the Livestock Sale will go to harvest following the fair. All swine going to harvest will be tested for any drug residue. If swine are found to have any drug residue, the family will be suspended from exhibiting swine the following year at the Platte County Fair. All market swine will be weighed. These weights will be the official sale weight. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to take swine to the scale on Thursday evening 8:00-9:00 p.m. After weighing no change of owners will be allowed. Market swine will be identified by their EID tag, as listed on the ID sheet. When an underweight pig goes across the scale, the pig goes off the scale and scale is zeroed, the pig goes right back onto the scale for a second re-weigh. The pig does not leave the scale area.

Swine wash racks will be closed during weigh-in. The minimum weight for market swine is 225 lbs. to receive a purple. **REMINDER:** Immediately following the selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market swine, hair from the grand and reserve champion animals will be pulled. The sample collected after the naming of the champions will be sent to a lab to be tested against the sample collected from that animal from the May DNA pulled deadline. If DNA does not match after testing, youth exhibitor forfeits all livestock sale money and youth is banned from exhibiting at the following year's Platte County Fair.

**NEW:** The Purebred and Crossbred Market divisions will have both gilts and barrows in separate divisions. The market swine show will be broken in the following divisions: Purebred Market Gilt, Crossbred Market Gilt, Purebred Market Barrow, and Crossbred Market Barrow. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Market Gilt will compete against the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Gilt for Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Gilt. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Barrow will compete against the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Barrow for Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Barrow. Breed divisions may be divided up by age at the discretion of the swine superintendent. Breeds with a minimum of 3 market hogs or more will show in their own breed division. Purebred breed hogs in breeds with fewer than 3 purebred entries will be eligible to show in the "All Other Breeds" division.

**Class No.**

- X 36 10 Purebred Market Gilt  
(Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted Swine, Yorkshire, All Other Breeds)
- X 36 20 Crossbred Market Gilt
- X 36 30 Purebred Market Barrow  
(Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted Swine, Yorkshire, All Other Breeds)
- X 36 40 Crossbred Market Barrow

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See Showmanship Department for Rules, Regulations and Premium.

**Class No.**

- X 2 10 Swine Senior - Exhibitors 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 2 20 Swine Intermediate - Exhibitors 12-14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 2 30 Swine Junior - Exhibitors 11 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**SHEEP**

A 4-H and FFA exhibitor may show two individual breeding ewe lambs, (commercial or purebred), two breeding ewes over one year old (commercial or purebred), four market lambs, and one obstacle course. Sheep shown in the breeding classes cannot be shown as market lambs and market lambs cannot be shown in the breeding classes. Scrapie tags are required in all sheep shown. The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping and exhibiting the lamb with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. **Sheep may be braced but will require that all four feet are on the ground. The use of such practices may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing. (Lifting the lamb in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable).**

Premium: Purple \$10.00; Blue \$8.00; Red \$6.00; White \$4.00

**Breeding Ewe Lambs**

Exhibitors of breeding sheep must present certificate of registration or proof of registration to show in registered class. Exhibitors of commercial sheep may exhibit any breed or crosses. Registered breeding ewe lambs must have up-to-date registration papers in the name of the exhibitor, family, or farm name, and meet industry standards for breed type, color, and confirmation. Crossbred and Registered Breed ewes will be divided by weight at the discretion of the sheep superintendents. The breeding ewe show will be broken into 2 divisions: Registered and Commercial. The division Grand Champion and division Reserve Champion will compete for Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe.

**Class No.**

**Yearling & Older Ewes**

- X 32 10 Other Breeds
- X 32 30 Commercial/Crossbred Meat Breeds
- X 32 50 Hampshire
- X 32 70 Suffolk
- X 32 90 Dorset

**Ewe Lambs**

- X 32 20 Other Breeds
- X 32 40 Commercial/Crossbred Meat Breeds
- X 32 60 Hampshire
- X 32 80 Suffolk
- X 32 100 Dorset

**Market Lambs**

Market lambs are required to be born on or after December 1 of the previous year. The minimum weight for market lambs is 100 lbs. to receive a purple. Short scrotum, cryptorchid or ram lambs are not eligible for market lambs. No paint on lambs. Lambs with paint will be dropped one ribbon placing. All market sheep receiving money from the Livestock Sale will go to harvest and will be tested for any drug residue. If a lamb is found to have any drug residue, the family will be suspended from exhibiting sheep the following year at the Platte County Fair. **REMINDER:** Immediately following the selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market lamb, hair from the grand and reserve champion animals will be pulled. The sample collected after the naming of the champions will be sent to a lab to be tested against the sample collected from that animal from the May DNA pulled deadline. If DNA does not match after testing, youth

exhibitor forfeits all livestock sale money and youth is banned from exhibiting at the following year's Platte County Fair. Purebred market lambs must have up-to-date registration papers in the name of the exhibitor, family or farm name, and meet industry standards for breed type, color, and confirmation. Breed divisions may be divided up by age at the discretion of the sheep superintendent. The market lamb show will be broken into 2 divisions: purebred and crossbred. The division champion and reserve division champion will compete for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb.

- X 31 10** Purebred Market Wether and/or Ewe  
(Hampshire, Suffolk, Dorset, All Other Purebreds)
- X 31 20** Crossbred Market Wether and/or Ewe
- X 31 30** Prospect Lamb
- X 31 40** Obstacle Course

### Showmanship

See Showmanship Department for Rules, Regulations and Premium.

#### Class No.

- X 3 10** Sheep Senior - Exhibitors 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 3 20** Sheep Intermediate - Exhibitors 12-14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 3 30** Sheep Junior - Exhibitors 11 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

### HORSE

It is highly recommended that all horses be vaccinated for Sleeping Sickness, Equine Influenza, Tetanus, and West Nile Virus, at least 14 days before the fair to prevent carrying the disease back to the farm. Coggins highly recommended. **NEW:** Identification, only one family per horse and only one family member per age/class division. Awards will be given to the top exhibitors in each division.

**REMINDER: Exhibitors are required to stall a minimum of one horse at the fair. Horses will have to be stalled by 10 a.m. on Friday of County Fair and will be released Sunday of County Fair at 5:00 p.m. (If exhibiting at the State Horse Contest, a request letter must be submitted to the 4-H Council by the June meeting date, requesting to not stall at the County Fair.)**

Exhibitors MAY ONLY enter eight (8) classes plus showmanship. Per Nebraska 4-H Policy, Clover Kids and/or Pee Wee are not allowed to participate in the horse project or show. A stallion may be exhibited only if born after January 1. Foals may be shown if the mare is registered at the County Extension Office on an identification sheet by May 6. All Horse exhibitors shall wear western apparel with white long sleeve shirt or white blouse with collar and dark blue denim jeans with a western belt and a 4-H armband on the left arm. If English style riding is used, you must wear English clothes with 4-H armband. Pony's and Miniature's will be measured at random. Classes may be divided by age, sex (mares & geldings) and size (horses have a mature height of greater than 14.2 hands; pony's have a mature height of 14.2 hands or less). Ponies may only show in their pony class (i.e. Pony Pleasure not in both Pony and Western.) This 4-H Horse Show will follow the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show rules and Judging Guide, 4-H 373. Bosal's will be allowed.

**Senior Exhibitor** - 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**Intermediate Exhibitor** - 12 to 14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**Junior Exhibitor** - 11 years old and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**Novice Exhibitor** - first and second year project exhibitor (any age)

**Walk Trot Exhibitor** - first and second year project exhibitor (any age) no loping

Premium: Purple \$20.00; Blue \$16.00; Red \$12.00; White \$8.00

### Halter Division

Entries in this class should be shown at halter or open-faced bridle (English only).

#### Class No.

- X 800 1** Yearling geldings
- X 800 2** Two-year-old geldings
- X 800 3** Four and older geldings
- X 800 4** Yearling mares
- X 800 5** Two-year-old mares
- X 800 6** Four and older mares
- X 800 7** Miniature and Pony

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- X 5 10** Horse Senior - Exhibitors 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 5 20** Horse Intermediate - Exhibitors 12-14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 5 30** Horse Junior - Exhibitors 11 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 5 40** Horse Novice - Exhibitors 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year in 4-H

### Performance Division

#### Class No.

- X 800 10** Hunter Under Saddle (English Pleasure) - Senior
- X 800 11** Hunter Under Saddle (English Pleasure) - Intermediate
- X 800 12** Hunter Under Saddle (English Pleasure) - Junior

- X 800 13 Hunter Under Saddle (English Pleasure) - Novice
- X 800 14 Walk/Trot English Pleasure
- X 800 15 Walk/Trot English Equitation
- X 800 16 Hunt Seat Equitation (English Equitation) - Senior
- X 800 17 Hunt Seat Equitation (English Equitation) - Intermediate
- X 800 18 Hunt Seat Equitation (English Equitation) - Junior
- X 800 19 Hunt Seat Equitation (English Equitation) - Novice

#### **Western Pleasure and Western Horsemanship**

Western Pleasure and Western Horsemanship cannot cross enter Ranch Pleasure and Ranch Riding with the same horse. They can do both with a different horse.

- X 800 20 Western Pleasure - Senior
- X 800 21 Western Pleasure - Intermediate
- X 800 22 Western Pleasure - Junior
- X 800 23 Western Pleasure - Novice
- X 800 24 Western Pleasure - Pony
- X 800 25 Walk/Trot Pleasure for exhibitors who are in their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the horse project.
- X 800 26 Walk/Trot Horsemanship for exhibitors who are in their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the horse project.
- X 800 27 Western Horsemanship - Senior
- X 800 28 Western Horsemanship - Intermediate
- X 800 29 Western Horsemanship - Junior
- X 800 30 Western Horsemanship - Novice

#### **Ranch Pleasure and Ranch Riding**

Ranch Pleasure and Ranch Riding horses cannot cross enter Western Pleasure and Western Horsemanship with the same horse. They can do both with a different horse.

- X 800 40 Ranch Pleasure - Senior
- X 800 41 Ranch Pleasure - Intermediate
- X 800 42 Ranch Pleasure - Junior
- X 800 43 Ranch Pleasure - Novice
- X 800 44 Ranch Riding - Senior
- X 800 45 Ranch Riding - Intermediate
- X 800 46 Ranch Riding - Junior
- X 800 47 Ranch Riding - Novice

#### **Trail Horse**

All exhibitors showing in this Lot will show their horse according to the obstacles given by the superintendent the day of the show. Time will be limited on each obstacle by the judge. Scoring procedures will be followed according to 4-H 373.

##### **Class No.**

- X 800 50 Trail Class - Senior
- X 800 51 Trail Class - Intermediate
- X 800 52 Trail Class - Junior
- X 800 53 Trail Class - Novice
- X 800 54 Walk Trot Trail for exhibitors who are in their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the horse project.

#### **Reining**

The judge will announce which pattern will be used for Reining classes. All rules will be followed according to 4-H 373.

##### **Class No.**

- X 800 60 Reining - Senior
- X 800 61 Reining - Intermediate
- X 800 62 Reining - Junior
- X 800 63 Reining - Novice

#### **Barrels**

Scoring procedure will be followed as in 4-H 373.

##### **Class No.**

- X 800 70 Barrel Racing - Senior
- X 800 71 Barrel Racing - Intermediate
- X 800 72 Barrel Racing - Junior
- X 800 73 Barrel Racing - Novice

#### **Pole Bending**

Scoring procedure will be followed as in 4-H 373.

- X 800 80 Pole Bending - Senior
- X 800 81 Pole Bending - Intermediate
- X 800 82 Pole Bending - Junior
- X 800 83 Pole Bending - Novice



## Key Hole

The pattern for the following will be posted.

### Class No.

- X 800 90 Key Hole - Senior
- X 800 91 Key Hole - Intermediate
- X 800 92 Key Hole - Junior
- X 800 93 Key Hole - Novice

## POULTRY

The Nebraska Poultry Disease Act requires that poultry entering exhibition be Pulum-Typhoid Clean. Poultry showing symptoms of disease will not be allowed at the fair, and if developed after admittance, will be removed. Superintendents will try to notify exhibitor of such action. The Fair Committee and the superintendent will not be responsible for accidents or loss of species, but every precaution will be taken to prevent it.

No handling of Poultry, except by Superintendent, Judges or the owner. Any individual 4-H or FFA member is limited to exhibiting not more than 10 birds and one Pen of Broilers. To be eligible for exhibition, cockerel or pullet entry must be a fair representative of the breed as listed in the American Standard of Perfection. Feed will not be furnished. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their poultry. It is suggested that all toe nails be cut on all poultry.

**REMINDER:** Broilers shown will be purchased and picked up from the designated supplier six weeks prior to the Poultry Show. Broiler order deadline stated in 4-H Calendar. **REQUIRED: All Broiler exhibitors must be at their broiler cage when the broiler judging begins.** No birds are to be sold or considered sold or leave the Poultry barn before 5:00 p.m., Sunday.

Premium: Purple \$3.50; Blue \$3.00; Red \$2.50; White \$2.00

### Class No.

- X 70 20 American (Standard)
- X 70 21 Asiatic (Standard)
- X 70 22 English (Standard)
- X 70 23 Mediterranean (Standard)
- X 70 24 Continental (Standard)
- X 70 30 Game (Bantams)
- X 70 31 Single Comb Clean Legged (Bantams)
- X 70 32 Rose Comb Clean Legged (Bantams)
- X 70 33 All Other Comb Clean Legged (Bantams)
- X 70 34 Feather Legged (Bantams)
- X 70 35 Other Standard Breeds
- X 70 9 Pen of Broilers (3 birds of any sex combination)
- X 70 4 Ducks (Heavy, Medium & Light Weight)
- X 70 5 Bantam Ducks
- X 70 6 Goose (Heavy, Medium & Light Weight)
- X 70 7 Turkeys

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### Class No.

- X 8 10 Poultry Senior - Exhibitors 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 8 20 Poultry Intermediate - Exhibitors 12-14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- X 8 30 Poultry Junior - Exhibitors 11 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

## COMPANION ANIMAL/SMALL PET

Not more than 6 companion animal entries may be made by a 4-H and FFA exhibitor in this Department. The companion animals will not be required to stay during the fair. Exhibitors must provide their own equipment. Judging will include: a Health of animal; b. Condition of cage; and c. Appropriate environment. If an animal is displayed in a travel cage, please prepare a display such as a poster or photograph showing the animal in its normal home. All exhibits may leave after judging is completed. Cats should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, worms, and other parasites and infectious diseases. Cats are required to have current rabies and distemper vaccination. A 4 in 1 shot (panleucopenia, rhino tracheitis, calici virus and feline leukemia) is required. Exhibitors must provide a health statement from their vet at check-in showing proof of vaccination of their cat. If the cat is not declawed, the claws should be clipped. No expectant or nursing mother cats may be entered. Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected from each Division (Cat and Pet). A judging table will be used. Exhibitor will be required to transfer the animals to the judging table.

Premium: Purple \$3.50; Blue \$3.00; Red \$2.50; White \$2.00

### Cat

#### Class No.

- X 100 10 Cats, Long Hair
- X 100 20 Cats, Short Hair

### Pet

#### Class No.

- X 100 30 Rodents (Ferret, Chinchilla, Guinea Pig, Gerbil, Hamster, Mouse, Rat, Hedgehog, etc.)
- X 100 40 Other (Fish, Reptiles, Caged Birds, Llama, etc.)

## Showmanship

See Showmanship Department for Rules, Regulations and Premium.

### Class No.

**X 6 10** Companion Animal Senior - Exhibitors 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 6 20** Companion Animal Intermediate - Exhibitors 12-14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 6 30** Companion Animal Junior - Exhibitors 11 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

## RABBIT

No more than 8 rabbit entries may be made by a 4-H and FFA exhibitor in this Department (market pens are considered one entry). All rabbits must have permanent ID in their left ear. This identification must also be on the entry form. No exhibits with very young babies (under two months of age) will be permitted. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits. Rabbits will be shown by breed except for pet rabbits.

Premium: Purple \$3.50; Blue \$3.00; Red \$2.50; White \$2.00

### Class No.

**X 100 50** Pet Rabbits

## Meat Classes

May be commercial, large fancy or crossbred.

### Class No.

**X 81 1** Individual Market Rabbit

**X 81 2** Market Pen (3 fryers, 4-6 lbs., market age 2-4 months)

## Breeding Classes

### Class No.

**X 81 3** Fancy Breeds (Purebred Rabbits Only)

American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, English Angora, French Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillion, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolie, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta,

**X 81 4** Commercial Breeds

American, American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blac de Hotot, Californian, Champagne D' Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Creme D' Argent, Cross Breed, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox

## Showmanship

See Showmanship Department for Rules, Regulations and Premium.

### Class No.

**X 85 10** Rabbit Senior - Exhibitors 15 years old and older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 85 20** Rabbit Intermediate - Exhibitors 12-14 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**X 85 30** Rabbit Junior - Exhibitors 11 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

## DOG

All dogs must be immunized with DHL, rabies, hepatitis and Parvo vaccine.

**NOTE: Certificate of vaccination must accompany dog and presented at check in time. Certificate available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/Dog%20Vaccination%20sf263.pdf>. Record book required and due at check-in. Use Companion Animal Project Record. Cleanup shall be exhibitor's responsibility; this includes all areas of fairgrounds.**

Females in season will not be permitted at the show. Lame or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by a show superintendent it is affecting the dog's health. **Companion animals only will be shown.** Exhibitor should provide primary care and training for the dog. The dog should reside with the exhibitor or be cared for by the exhibitor the majority of the year. Dog exhibitors are able to show a dog shared by a family member. An exhibitor may make no more than one entry per Showmanship and Obedience class. **All exhibitors will be expected in Showmanship unless excused by Superintendent.**

Dogs with AKC degrees will show as follows:

"CD" degree must show in Graduate Novice or higher.

"CDX" or "UD" degree must show in Utility.

\*The dog will stay in its highest attained class. A "new" handler will enter such class. **NOTE:** Dogs soiling the showing ring (during class) will be lowered one ribbon placing. Baiting with food or toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Any dog that shows aggressive behavior toward other dogs or people will be immediately disqualified and will need to be removed from the fairgrounds at the discretion of the judge. All youth shall wear a Platte County 4-H shirt or a white shirt with 4-H identification; dark pants or jeans and closed toe shoes with a non-slip sole. No headgear is worn in the show ring. The 4-H Dog Show will follow all rules out of the "[Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420](#)".

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An exhibitor will not be allowed to cross enter the same dog into the showmanship contest for a different showman. Showman will be allowed to compete in a division each year based on their age or until they win that particular age group. Winners will advance to the next age group. Winners of the Senior division will be ineligible in future dog showmanship contests. Each class 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%). Special coat trims (such as poodle or terriers) will not count except for being clean and brushed. Classes are divided into age divisions. Clover Kids can exhibit in Showmanship, see Clover Kid Dept. of fair book.

Premium: Purple \$6.00; Blue \$5.00; Red \$4.00; White \$ 3.00

#### Class No.

**X 700 10** Beginning - (9 years old)

**G 700 20** Intermediate - (10 – 13 years old)

**G 700 30** Advanced - (14 – 18 years old)

### Obedience

Obedience will follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420 at

[https://4h.unl.edu/3\\_4HPrograms/a\\_StateRegionalNationalPrograms/CompanionAnimal/4H420-Dog-Show-Rules.pdf](https://4h.unl.edu/3_4HPrograms/a_StateRegionalNationalPrograms/CompanionAnimal/4H420-Dog-Show-Rules.pdf) to determine class entry and exercises within each obedience class.

Premium: Purple \$3.00; Blue \$2.50; Red \$2.00; White \$1.50

#### Class No.

**G 701 10** Beginning Novice Division A - Exhibitor and dog **BOTH** in first year of competition. Exhibitors incorrectly entered will be moved to Beginning Novice Division B.

**G 701 20** Beginning Novice Division B - Exhibitor or dog is beyond their first year of competition.

**G 701 25** Beginning Novice Division C - Exhibitor and dog is beyond their first year of competition.

**G 701 30** Novice A - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and in first year of Novice class competition.

**G 701 35** Novice B - Exhibitor and dog is beyond first year of Novice Class competition.

**G 701 40** Graduate Novice - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.

**G 701 45** Advanced Graduate Novice - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice.

**G 701 50** Open - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Advanced Graduate Novice.

**G 701 55** Graduate Open - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open.

**G 701 60** Utility - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open.

### Agility

Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H420 at

[https://4h.unl.edu/3\\_4HPrograms/a\\_StateRegionalNationalPrograms/CompanionAnimal/4H420-Dog-Show-Rules.pdf](https://4h.unl.edu/3_4HPrograms/a_StateRegionalNationalPrograms/CompanionAnimal/4H420-Dog-Show-Rules.pdf) to determine class entry and obstacles for each level of competition.

#### Class No.

**G 702 10** Level 1 - 6 obstacles

**G 702 20** Level 2 - 10 obstacles - running on leash

**G 702 30** Level 3 - 10 obstacles - running off leash

**G 702 40** Level 4 - 13 obstacles

**G 702 50** Level 5 - 15 to 20 obstacles

### Costume

#### Class No.

**X 701 70** Exhibitors of all ages. The exhibitor must state a theme for the costume. Costumes can be hand-made by exhibitor or store bought. Judging will be based on originality and creativity.

### Versatility

#### Class No.

**X 701 80** Exhibitors of all ages. Exhibitors demonstrate what their dogs can do. Unlike Obedience Class, there are no pattern requirements. Options include: tricks; showing dogs in brace; showing dogs in teams; sporting event activities such as pointing, retrieves, and/or directing hand signals. Exhibitors will describe to the judge the intent of the performance.