RICHARDSON COUNTY 4-H/FFA JUNIOR FAIR
2024 ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION/ENTRY GUIDELINES

Project Area		Identification and Entry Requirements			
		County	*County ONLY Deadline*	*State*	*State Nomination/Entry Deadline*
Beef	*Market*	▪ 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ EID Tag ▪ DNA Sample w/ Online Nomination	June 15/August 10
Beef	*Breeding*	▪ Tattoo ▪ EID Tag allowed for Commercial ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ Tattoo ▪ EID Tag Allowed for Commercial ▪ DNA Sample w/ Online Nomination	June 15/August 10
Beef	*Feeder Calves*	▪ 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ EID Tag ▪ DNA Sample w/Online Nomination	June 15/August 10
Beef	*Bucket Calves*	▪ 4-H Ear Tag ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	-----	-----
Dairy	*Cattle*	▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ ID Sheet Drawing	June 15/August 10
Dairy	*Goats*	▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	-----	-----
Meat Goat	*Market*	▪ Scrapie Tag ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ Scrapie Tag ▪ DNA Sample w/ Online Nomination	June 15/August 10
Meat Goat	*Breeding*	▪ Scrapie Tag ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ Scrapie Tag ▪ DNA Sample w/ Online Nomination	June 15/August 10
Sheep	*Market*	▪ Scrapie Tag ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ Scrapie Tag ▪ DNA Sample w/ Online Nomination	June 15/August 10
Sheep	*Breeding*	▪ Scrapie Tag ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ Scrapie Tag ▪ DNA Sample w/ Online Nomination	June 15/August 10
Swine	*Market*	▪ 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ EID Tag ▪ DNA Sample w/ Online Nomination	June 15/August 10
Swine	*Breeding*	▪ 4-H Ear Tag ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ EID Tag ▪ DNA Sample w/ Online Nomination	-----
Rabbit	*Market*	▪ Tattoo (except fryers) ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ Tattoo ▪ No Online Nomination Required	none/August 10
Rabbit	*Breeding*	▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ Tattoo ▪ No Online Nomination Required	none/August 10
Poultry	*All*	▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	*No Nomination Required*	none/August 10
Horse	*All*	▪ Horse Level Testing ▪ Animal Entry Form (which includes ID)	June 15	▪ Horse Identification Certification	June 1

*Updated 1/2024

4-H Bucket Calf and Dairy Goat projects do not have a class option at the Nebraska State Fair.

Additional Information:

- County offices can accept paper ID sheets for their own record keeping but these **will not be accepted as a form of identification for State Fair.**
- Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (20), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20).
- There are entry limits for each of the individual species. Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than the following for each species to State Fair: Beef (5), Swine (6), Sheep (4), Goat (4), Poultry (6), Rabbit (6).

Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H by the county deadline in 4H Online.
2. Exhibitors will review their species fairbooks.
3. Exhibitors showing market and/or breeding beef, feeder calves, market and/or breeding swine, market and/or breeding sheep or market and/or breeding goats at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification. **Every animal nomination (this includes all breeding animals and feeder calves) will require a DNA submission**. DNA must be turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination with payment in Show Stock Manager(www.showstockmgr.com) by June 15. Any animal carrying an 840 EID tag will require the exhibitor to obtain a Premises ID. Contact the local Extension Office for details. (It is recommended that you make a copy or a photo image of the completed envelope you turn into your county.)
4. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by June 15.
5. Exhibitors will confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legibility and/or accuracy.
6. Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at the State Fair.
7. Exhibitors will select which animal nominations they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website by August 10. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for entry registration.
8. Exhibitors will be required to bring the breed registration association paperwork to check-in at State Fair for animals wanting to show in a breed class. The registration papers must show the exhibitor's name or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family and is listed with the online nomination in Show Stock Manager.

Important Websites:

Nomination Website: www.showstockmgr.com
Nebraska State Fair Entry Website: www.statefair.org
YQCA Website: www.yqcaprogram.com