

DEPARTMENT N – FFA

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Who is eligible to exhibit? Eligibility for the FFA division is limited to residents of Seward County, and who hold active memberships in the FFA. Animals may not be exhibited at another county fair.

What exhibits are eligible? Exhibits shall be a part of the exhibitor's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program or have been completed as a part of shop program during the past year.

Are entries eligible for other classes? No exhibit in the FFA division will be allowed to show in the other classes.

Quality Assurance Training – All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, sheep, and swine shall have completed an approved food animal quality assurance training program. Exhibitors shall have received Quality Assurance Certification through a University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension based program prior to the fair. Program attendance or completion of a test in the County Extension Office is required. Completion of training will be conducted and certified by Ag Education instructors or County Extension staff.

Eligibility of animals – No 4-H or FFA animal may be exhibited by more than one family or at more than one county fair. An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the Department Superintendent.

Identification of beef animals – All 4-H & FFA market beef shall be weighed and ear tagged with Nebraska Market Beef ear tags. Beef weighed and tagged by April 1 are eligible for county fair and other major shows. Breeding and production beef, feeder calves are to be identified by June 15 at the Seward County Extension Office. Tattoos are required for positive identification for breeding animals. Ownership is required.

Who is permitted to show the exhibits? Only animals shown by their owners will receive ribbons or prizes unless the owner is excused by the superintendent.

What animals are eligible for showmanship contests? Any animal used in the showmanship contests shall be the property of the showman and shall be an

exhibit in the FFA division of the fair.

How is the breed class of an animal determined? Animals which are not purebred will be shown with the unclassified group.

Checking in Exhibits – Each exhibitor is responsible to check with their respective superintendent to determine the location of stalls, pens, etc., and to see that the health requirements, etc., have been met.

Deadline for submitting entries – All FFA members planning to exhibit livestock should submit entry blanks to the Seward County Extension Office by July 10th.

Health Papers – All animals exhibited will be healthy and free of any known disease. If any animal is found to be affected with any infectious, contagious, or otherwise transmittable disease, or is suspected of being so affected, it shall be removed immediately to a place of quarantine as ordered and directed by the official veterinarian. The quarters, including all places and materials contaminated by such animal or animals, shall be promptly cleaned and disinfected by the fair management.

NO hogs from a quarantined herd will be permitted for exhibit at the fair. Health papers accompanying all market swine shall list the individual ear notch numbers and state pigs are not from a quarantined herd.

DIVISION 30 – FFA AG MECHANICS

Pay Category #2 - Large Items
Pay Category #3 - Medium Items
Pay Category #4 - Small Items

UTILITY– To include items/tools used about the Ag Mechanics facility

- Class 1 **LARGE ITEMS:** Wagons, trailers, engine hoists, presses
- Class 2 **MEDIUM ITEMS:** Carts, jack stands, welding tables, car ramps, stools
- Class 3 **SMALL ITEMS:** Saw horses, splash blocks, tool boxes, foot scrapers

PRODUCTION– To include items/tools used in crop or livestock production

- Class 4 **LARGE ITEMS:** Loading chute, bale carrier, trailer wagon, feeder
- Class 5 **MEDIUM ITEMS:** Stock panel, post puller, trough
- Class 6 **SMALL ITEMS:** Post driver, sheep blocker

POWER– To include items/tools which incorporate a combination of electrical, hydraulic, and/or fuel motors as a power source to perform a function (equipment shall be prepared for display in power category).

- Class 7 **LARGE ITEM:** Log Splitter
- Class 8 **MEDIUM ITEM:** Sprayer
- Class 9 **SMALL ITEM:** Hydraulic Press

HORTICULTURE – To include items/tools used around the lawn/garden for recreation or improvement purposes.

- Class 10 **LARGE ITEMS:** Grills, smokers, planters, mini-sprayers
- Class 11 **MEDIUM ITEMS:** Picnic tables, patio seats, patio table, plant stands
- Class 12 **SMALL ITEMS:** Planter boxes, signs
- Class 13 **REFURBISHING:** to be a restoration of an item/tool which has current functional benefit to one of the previous categories. The following shall accompany the project: a narrative describing the condition of the item/tool prior to the repair; steps taken to repair the item; a bill of materials which indicates costs; and attractively mounted pictures with appropriate captions.

DISPLAY BOARDS

Pay Category #3

Welding boards shall identify: 1.) kind of weld; 2.) position; 3.) amperage; 4.) electrode size; and 5.) AWS number. A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 welds per board; to include the required welds. Welds shall be attached by wire so that all sides are available for evaluation.

ARC; MIG/TIG; GAS WELDING/BRAZING; ELECTRICAL: include at least one switch, two types of splices, one light fixture or receptacle; PLUMBING: use three types of pipe (copper, plastic, and steel.) Soldering, flare fitting, glued joint, and a steel threaded joint are required; ADVANCED ELECTRICAL OR PLUMBING: contains

controls, valves, timers, motors, etc.

A trophy will be awarded to the grand champion welding exhibit and to the grand champion welding board.

Class 14 **A display board** shall be items completed by FFA members since previous State Fair. Each display board shall be 18 inches x 24 inches.

DIVISION 31 – FFA Crops & Range Boards

Pay Category #3

- Class 1 **Crops**– Each exhibitor shall have an entry form certified by their local ag education instructor. Each sample of grain shall be two quarts. Grain should be entered in a 4-quart plastic ice cream bucket with lid (or suitable substitute). The green entry slip shall accompany the entry. Grain will be judged on the following factors: Color, Uniformity, Purity (varietal, crops, weeds), Inert material (stems, chaff, dirt), Soundness (cracked or broken kernels), Insect damage, Condition (heat damage, sprouted kernels). Each exhibitor shall have or had a crop project during the current or preceding year for the following eligible crops: Oats, Winter Wheat; Grain Sorghum, Shelled Corn, and Soybeans. Other approved crops, such as barley, rye, popcorn, and dry edible beans, are eligible for showing provided the crop was appropriately harvested in the current or preceding year. Each eligible FFA exhibitor will be permitted to enter one entry per crop area. Oats; Winter Wheat; Grain; Sorghum; Shelled Corn; Soybeans; Other.
- Class 2 **Range Boards**– Each exhibitor shall have an entry form certified by their local agricultural education instructor. All range boards shall be 36 inch x 36 inch size and 3/8 inch thick. Mounted range plants excluding invader plants shall be on the list of important range plants (Table 1, Range Judging Handbook for Nebraska, E.C. 1-37-78). Mounted range plants shall include roots, stem, and head. The board shall not be covered by a plastic material. The exhibit shall show the name of the exhibitor, chapter, and each range plant shall be identified as follows: common name, scientific name, grazing response, forage value, season of growth, and life span. Display board of at least 15 range plants.

DIVISION 32 – FFA FLORICULTURE

Exhibits entered under an incorrect class number or containing an incorrect number of flowers will be dropped one ribbon placing. A perennial is defined as a plant of which the crown overwinters. An annual is a plant that grows from seed each season, whether self-seeded or planted by the gardener. Foliage will be considered when exhibit is judged.

Cut Flowers: All 3 or 5 stems of cut flowers should be the same cultivar and color, do not mix cultivars and colors. (If your own container is used it will not be judged, however, they should be glass containers of a neutral color that won't tip over and of adequate size to display blooms. Containers will not be returned.)

Exhibitors may enter a maximum of ten classes from the following lists (classes 1-44) with no more than one exhibit per class.

Annuals & Biennials –Three stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parentheses.

		Pay Category #7	
Class 1	Aster	Class 14	Marigold (Dwarf, 1 color)
Class 2	Bachelor Buttons	Class 15	Marigold (Dwarf, assorted)
Class 3	Bells of Ireland	Class 16	Pansy
Class 4	Calendula	Class 17	Petunia
Class 5	Celosia (crested or plume, 3 stems)	Class 18	Salvia
Class 6	Cosmos	Class 19	Snapdragon
Class 7	Dahlia (dinner plate, 1 stem)	Class 20	Statice
Class 8	Dahlia (assorted, 3 stems)	Class 21	Sunflower (under 3" diameter–5 stems, 3" or more in diameter-3 stems)
Class 9	Dianthus	Class 22	Vinca
Class 10	Gladiolus (3 stems)	Class 23	Zinnia
Class 11	Gomphrena	Class 24	Other annual or biennial (under 3" diameter – 5 stems, 3" or more in diameter – 5 stems)
Class 12	Hollyhock (3 stems)		
Class 13	Marigold (Giant)		

Perennials – Five stems of a single variety (cultivar) unless otherwise noted in parenthesis.

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| Class 25 Achillea/Yarrow | Class 39 Artistic Arrangement of Annual Flowers– |
| Class 26 Chrysanthemum | Harmony of color, quality of bloom arrangement and harmony of flowers judged. |
| Class 27 Coreopsis | Class 40 Artistic Arrangement of Perennial Flowers– |
| Class 28 Daisy | Harmony of color, quality of bloom arrangement and harmony of flowers judged. |
| Class 29 Gaillardia | Class 41 One Color Bouquet |
| Class 30 Purple coneflower | Class 42 Evergreen and flowers |
| Class 31 Rose, miniature (1 stem) | Class 43 Dry arrangement/dried bouquet |
| Class 32 Rose, tea (3 stems) | Class 44 Bouquet of flowers |
| Class 33 Rose, Floribunda (1 stem) | |
| Class 34 Rudbeckia/Black-eyed Susan | |
| Class 35 Sedum | |
| Class 36 Statice | |
| Class 37 Any other perennial
(under 3" diameter – 5 stems,
3" or more in diameter – 5 stems) | |
| Class 38 Flower Garden
Collection of 5 different flowers. Display in a box or other holder not more than 18" in any Dimension. Each flower in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 1-37. | |

Potted Plants – One entry per person per class.

- Class 45 **Flowering Potted Plant that is blooming for exhibition–** non-blooming plants will not be judged
- Class 46 **Foliage Potted Plant(s)–** of all the same variety
- Class 47 **Hanging basket–** of flowering and/or foliage plants
- Class 48 **Dish Garden–** an open container featuring a variety of plants excluding cacti and succulents
- Class 49 **Desert Garden–** an open container featuring cacti and/or succulents

Class 50 **Terrariums**— a transparent container, partially or completely enclosed; sealed or unsealed

DIVISION 33 – FFA HORTICULTURE

Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits

Pay Category

#7

Exhibitors may enter one or up to a maximum of ten different individual entries of vegetables, herbs, and fruits from the following lists (classes 201-253). In all classes the number of exhibits is specified after the type.

The cultivar or variety name shall be included on all entry cards. Failure to identify the cultivar or variety will drop the entry one ribbon placing. Proper identification is the responsibility of the exhibitor not fair personnel.

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| <p>Class 201 Lima Beans– 12</p> <p>Class 202 Snap Beans– 12</p> <p>Class 203 Wax Beans– 12</p> <p>Class 204 Beets– 5</p> <p>Class 205 Broccoli– 2</p> <p>Class 206 Brussel Sprouts– 12</p> <p>Class 207 Green Cabbage– 2</p> <p>Class 208 Red Cabbage– 2</p> <p>Class 209 Carrots– 5</p> <p>Class 210 Cauliflower– 2</p> <p>Class 211 Slicing Cucumbers– 2</p> <p>Class 212 Pickling Cucumbers– 5</p> <p>Class 213 Eggplant– 2</p> <p>Class 214 Kohlrabi– 5</p> <p>Class 215 Muskmelon/Cantaloupe– 2</p> <p>Class 216 Okra– 5</p> <p>Class 217 Yellow Onions– 5</p> <p>Class 218 Red Onions– 5</p> <p>Class 219 White Onions– 5</p> <p>Class 220 Parsnips– 5</p> <p>Class 221 Bell Peppers– 5</p> <p>Class 222 Sweet (Non-Bell) Peppers– 5</p> <p>Class 223 Jalapeno Peppers– 5</p> <p>Class 224 Hot (Non-Jalapeno) Peppers– 5</p> <p>Class 225 White Potatoes– 5</p> <p>Class 226 Red Potatoes– 5</p> <p>Class 227 Russet Potatoes– 5</p> <p>Class 228 Other Potatoes– 5</p> <p>Class 229 Pumpkin– 2</p> <p>Class 230 Miniature Pumpkins– 5</p> <p>Class 231 Radish– 12</p> <p>Class 232 Rhubarb– 5</p> | <p>Class 234 Green Summer Squash– 2</p> <p>Class 235 Yellow Summer Squash– 2</p> <p>Class 236 White Summer Squash– 2</p> <p>Class 237 Acorn Squash– 2</p> <p>Class 238 Butternut Squash– 2</p> <p>Class 239 Buttercup Squash– 2</p> <p>Class 240 Other Winter Squash– 2</p> <p>Class 241 Sweet Corn (in husks)– 5</p> <p>Class 242 Indian Corn (in husks)– 5</p> <p>Class 243 Popcorn (in husks)– 5</p> <p>Class 244 Red Tomatoes (2” or more in diameter)– 5</p> <p>Class 245 Roma/Sauce-type Tomatoes– 5</p> <p>Class 246 Salad-type Tomatoes (under 2” in diameter)– 12</p> <p>Class 247 Yellow Tomatoes (2” or more in diameter)– 5</p> <p>Class 248 Turnips– 5</p> <p>Class 249 Watermelon– 2</p> <p>Class 250 Dry Edible Beans– 1 Pint</p> <p>Class 251 Gourds, mixed types– 5</p> <p>Class 252 Gourds, single variety– 5</p> <p>Class 253 Any other vegetable– 2, 5, or 12</p> <p>Class 254 Vegetable Garden Collection of 5 kinds of vegetables– Displayed in a box not more than 24" in any dimension. Each</p> |
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Class 233 **Rutabaga**– 2
Class 255 **Cultivar Vegetable Collection**– Vegetables entered in the collection are 5 cultivars from a single exhibit; for example, 5 cultivars of all types of peppers, squash, onions, tomatoes, etc. Display in a box not more than 24 inches in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned. (Pay Category 4)

vegetable in collection should be exhibited with the number specified for individual class.

Herbs

Pay Category #7

Those grown mainly for their seed, such as dill and caraway, should be exhibited on a plate. Those grown for their leaves such as basil, parsley, etc. should be exhibited in a glass container of water. Containers will not be returned. Potted herb plants will not be judged.

- Class 260 **Basil**– 5
- Class 261 **Dill (dry)**– 5
- Class 262 **Garlic (bulbs)**– 5
- Class 263 **Mint**– 5
- Class 264 **Oregano**– 5
- Class 265 **Parsley**– 5
- Class 266 **Sage**– 5
- Class 267 **Thyme**– 5
- Class 268 **Any other herb**– 5
- Class 269 **Herb Garden**– Display of five different herbs. Display in a box or holder not more than 18 inches in any dimension. Boxes will not be returned. Each herb in the collection should be exhibited with the number specified for classes 260-268.

Garden Display

Pay Category #4

Largest and best display of quality garden vegetables, samples of at least 15 different varieties, which may include different types of one vegetable (ex. Roma, beefsteak tomatoes). Each entry should be arranged in a bushel basket on its side. Table space will be given for an artistic display of quality vegetables. This may be a group of single exhibits from class 201-253.

Class 287 **Garden Display**

Fruits

Pay Category #7

Fruit will be judged for the stage of maturity normal for that season and growing location. Emphasis will be placed on how well fruit approaches market quality.

- Class 280 **Strawberries**– 1 pint
- Class 281 **Grapes**– 2 bunches
- Class 282 **Apples**– 5
- Class 283 **Pears**– 5
- Class 284 **Wild Plums**– 1 pint
- Class 285 **Other fruit or berries**– 1 pint
- Class 286 **Nuts**– 5

FFA LIVESTOCK & POULTRY SHOWS

The FFA livestock and poultry shows have been combined with the corresponding 4-H shows. Please check the 4-H section for rules governing the combination FFA and 4-H shows. Entries shall be pre-entered by July 10th in the Seward County Extension Office.