



4-H & FFA Fair Book

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2024 FAIR 4-H SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 15

- 5:00 p.m. Animal ID Sheets Due (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, meat goats, dairy goats) T-shirt orders due
- 11:59 p.m. 4-H Enrollment for the year is due. Sign up at v2.4honline.com

Wednesday, July 10

- 5:00 p.m. Horsemanship level testing due
- 11:59 p.m. **4-H Entries Due in seward.fairwire.com (except Horticulture, Poultry, and Rabbits)**
- Hard Copy to Extension Office (use drop-box in middle door)
 - Online —seward.fairwire.com

Saturday, July 20 Culinary Challenge

Tuesday, July 23

- 1:00 p.m. Bucket Calf, Beef Production, & 4-H Partners record books due in Extension Office

Thursday, July 25

- 6:30 p.m. 4-H Static Superintendent meetings—Extension Office
- 7:30 p.m. 4-H Livestock Superintendent meetings—Extension Office

Sunday, July 28

- 1:30 p.m. Air Pistol – 4-H Center
- BB Gun Contest – 4-H Center
- Air Rifle Contest – 4-H Center

Tuesday, July 30

- Bucket Calf, Beef Production, & 4-H Partners Interviews—Extension Office

Wednesday, July 31

- 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Family Packet Pick-up – 4-H Center
- 6:00 p.m. Fair Clean-up Night (all buildings and grounds)
- 7:00 p.m. Livestock Exhibitor and Family Meeting –Livestock Center
- 11:59 p.m. Horticulture/Floriculture, Poultry/Rabbits online pre-entry deadline for seward.fairwire.com

Saturday, August 3

- 10:00 a.m. Archery –Reunion Center
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fashion Show Judging —Harvest Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Public Fashion Show —Harvest Hall

Sunday, August 4

1:00 p.m. Trap Shooting Contest —Izaak Walton Cabin

Monday, August 5

7:00 a.m. Day 1 of 4-H Horse Show – Horse check-in east side of arena
8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show: Showmanship, Halter, English Pleasure, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Ranch Rail Pleasure
5:00-8:00 p.m. Check-in all Static Exhibits (except and decorated cakes)—4-H Center
5:00–8:00 p.m. Clover Kid Interview Judging

Tuesday, August 6

7:00 a.m. Day 2 of 4-H Horse Show – Horse check-in east side of arena
8:00 a.m. 4-H Static, Foods & Horticulture interviews, and judging– 4-H Center
8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show: Trail, Barrels, Poles, Keyhole, Break-Away Roping, Dummy Roping, Ground Roping

Wednesday, August 7

8:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Show –Reunion Center
12: 00 p.m. Cake Decorating check-in and interview judging—4-H Center
6:30 p.m. All sheep in place, weigh-in, and breeding check-in
7:00 p.m. All meat goats in place, weigh-in, and breeding check-in
8:00 p.m. All livestock, rabbit, poultry, and horses in place

Thursday, August 8

8:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show —Small Animal Barn
2:00 p.m. 4-H Small Animal Show —Ag Pavilion
3:00 p.m. 4-H Cat Show —Ag Pavilion
4:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show –Livestock Center
7:00 p.m. (or 30 min. following previous show) 4-H & FFA Sheep Show –Livestock Center

Friday, August 9

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Wash racks open to Dairy Exhibitors ONLY
8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Show –Small Animal Barn
9:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle Show –Livestock Arena
1:30 p.m. (or 30 min. after dairy cattle show) 4-H & FFA Dairy Goat Show –Livestock Arena
4:00 p.m. Beef Production Show –Livestock Arena
4:30 p.m. 4-H & FFA Beef Show –Livestock Arena
5:00-7:00 p.m. 4-H Foundation Hamburger Feed; east side of 4-H Center

Saturday, August 10

8:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Hog Show –Livestock Arena
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Staplehurst Livestock 100th Anniversary Celebration –Gazebo
handing out cupcakes
1:30 p.m. 4-H Awards Program –4-H Center
3:00 p.m. Overall Showmanship Written Test –4-H Office
4:00 p.m. Overall Showmanship Contest –Livestock Arena

Sunday, August 11

8:00 a.m. Exhibitor Breakfast –4-H Center
11:15 a.m. Clover Kid Pet Show –Ag Pavilion
12:00 p.m. Livestock Subsidy Auction –Livestock Center Livestock
Exhibits released following subsidy auction
2:00 p.m. 4-H Static Exhibits released

Nebraska Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture. The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Receipts of the fair will be applied to expenses of the fair.

While the greatest possible care will be executed by the management to protect patrons of the Seward County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for his/her actions and the management will not be accountable or responsible for any injury.

Seward County Ag Society assumes no liability for loss or damage to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor or patron due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions or other causes.

The Seward County Ag Society reserves to its board the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the fair.

All rules and regulations apply to all exhibitors. Anything not covered by rules, State Fair rules cover.

Unless otherwise stated, exhibits may not be removed until release time.

Exhibits

The management will use diligence to insure the safety of stock or articles after their arrival and placement but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. The management reserves the right to reject unworthy objects of any kind by refusing space or admission to the grounds. Under no circumstances will exhibitors be permitted access to display cases or space where exhibits are shown.

General Rules Pertinent to All Concessionaires and Exhibitors

The Fair Board will assume no liability by reason of injury to property or person by death of any person or persons on or about the premises of any exhibitor or concessionaire, and also the Fair Board shall not be liable for any injury to any property or persons on the premises of any exhibitor or concessionaire.

The Fair Board reserves the right to move an exhibitor or concessionaire to a different location should it prove necessary because of previous commitments or for the best interest of the Fair.

The Fair Board reserves the right to remove exhibitors, vendors or fair participants whose actions cause disruptions to normal fair operations.

The illegal use of alcohol or drugs for humans or livestock during the fair is prohibited.

Protests

See 4-H Rules & Regulations for protest and appeal process regarding 4-H violations.

4-H

Dear Seward County 4-H Members:

This is your copy of the Fair Book for the Seward County Fair. We suggest that you read the general rules and the instructions for the various departments in which you intend to exhibit. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Seward County. Please take note of changes that may be published in the 4-H newsletter or on the website www.seward.unl.edu.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension provides information and educational programs to all people without regard to sex, age, handicap, race, color, religion, marital status, national or ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

We wish you the best of luck in your 4-H projects.

Sincerely,
Seward County Extension Staff

Seward County 4-H Council Members:

Cissanie Krohe (President)	Ella Kossow (Secretary)	Sabryn Maloy
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4-H GENERAL RULES

The following rules apply to all departments of the 4-H section of the Seward County Fair. Rules which apply specifically to a particular department will be noted under rules for that department.

Eligibility Requirement for Exhibitors:

Entries for 4-H are limited to boys and girls enrolled in 4-H in Seward County. A 4-H member is 8-18 years old as of Jan. 1st of the current year. 4-H members and Clover Kids shall also be enrolled by June 15th on the v2.4HOnline.com website. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19.

Procedures for Making Entries and Deadlines:

Pre-fair entries are due by July 10th. Pre-fair entries are submitted online by the 4-H'er.

The following exhibits will be entered on Monday, August 5 from 5:00-8:00 p.m., in the 4-H Center:

- Healthy Lifestyles
- Horticulture & Floriculture
- Citizenship & Civic Education
- Communications & Expressive Arts
- Family & Consumer Science
- Environmental Education & Earth Science
- Personal Development & Leadership
- Agronomy
- Science & Technology
- Clover Kids
- Animal Science static exhibits

Livestock exhibits are to be in place in assigned areas on Wednesday, August 7:

- 6:30 p.m. – Sheep
- 7:00 p.m. – Meat Goats
- 8:00 p.m. – All other livestock

Number of Entries

Exhibits are limited to one entry per class, except in live animal classes where number of entries will be listed or where designated.

Exhibit Release

All static exhibits will be released at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 11. Items are to remain on display until release.

Protest Committee

Any person(s) who feel that a violation of the rules or regulations of the Seward County Fair have occurred, shall go through the normal protest/appeals process.

The respective superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the 4-H Premium Book. When needed, the protest committee will meet to act upon concerns.

- a. All protests shall be submitted in writing, signed and include a \$10 fee.
- b. The written protest shall be submitted to the Extension Educator-Unit Leader and shall include:
 1. Names of persons involved
 2. Nature of the concern
 3. Situation and documentation
 4. Recommendations for correction
 5. Specific action, rule, etc., in question
 6. Additional persons committee may contact for further clarification
 7. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission to the Extension Educator.
- c. The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with the affected persons and show officials, including an Extension Educator. Recommendations will be developed, followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
- d. 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.
- e. The management reserves the right to withhold premiums and/or awards. The exhibitor may also be excluded from the show if action warrants.
- f. Protests will not be accepted after general release time. Protests related to judges' integrity, decisions, placings or other evaluations will not be accepted.

Disclaimer of Responsibility for Exhibits

4-H exhibits at the Seward County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the 4-H member. The Seward County Extension Office, in cooperation with the Seward County Fair Board, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, the Extension Office and the Fair Board cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits. 4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.

Substance Abuse Policy

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in 4-H at the Seward County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry(s). No alcohol, tobacco or drugs are allowed in any 4-H barn or building.

Ribbons and Premiums Awarded

In the 4-H section, exhibits will be judged according to research-based standards that indicate level of performance or quality of work.

Purple ribbons designate an exhibit of superior quality that has met and exceeded all of the standards. **Blue** ribbons denote an above average exhibit that has met almost all of the standards in a way that surpasses the norm. **Red** ribbons indicate average quality and indicate that the exhibit has met the majority of standards in such a way that the benchmark was reached, but not exceeded. **White** ribbons indicate that the exhibit has not met the majority of the standards.

Any animal or static exhibit being considered for a trophy or medal, or a champion designation shall have received a blue or purple ribbon. Incomplete exhibits will be lowered a ribbon class unless otherwise noted.

Premiums will be forfeited on any static exhibits that are removed from the fairgrounds prior to 3:00 p.m., and for livestock and horses that are removed prior to 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair, unless approved by an Extension Educator.

Premium money may need to be prorated to stay within the budget. A few classes will not be judged and each of these exhibits will receive a 'participation' ribbon. A participation ribbon is recognition of the 4-H exhibits' presence at the fair. The objective of the project is primarily focused on a high level of individual planning and creativity. Premium checks shall be picked up by 12/31 of the current year.

Pay					
Categories:	Purple	Blue	Red	White	
1	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	---
2	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	---
3	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	---
4	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$2.50	---
5	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	---
6	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	---
7	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	---
8	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	---
9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---
10	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	

Disqualification/Judging

The superintendent will determine eligibility/ineligibility of an exhibit entry in their division. Ineligible items may not be judged. The exhibit shown shall be the result of the 4-H member's project since last county fair.