

Livestock/Animal Rules

- A. **General Rule** - All Hitchcock County Fair General Livestock Rules also apply to 4-H unless otherwise noted. It is the responsibility of the each exhibitor and parent/guardian to be familiar with all applicable rules and regulations.
- B. **Interpretation Of Rules** - The Hitchcock County 4-H Council reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret, amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine, and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the 4-H program.
- C. **Violation** - All exhibitors are bound by the most current editions of the Hitchcock County Fair Rules and Regulations set forth by the Hitchcock County 4-H Council. Any violation of these Rules and Regulations will be subject to disqualification of animal(s); forfeiture of all awards including ribbons, trophies, premiums, booster, incentives, livestock sale premiums; penalties prescribed by law; and/or the owner of the animal barred from future participation until such time a reinstatement is made by the 4-H Council. Penalties apply only to species involved in the incident.
- D. **Disputes & Ruling Of Decisions & Formal Protests** -If any issue arises during the Hitchcock County Fair the 4-H Council President, Class Superintendent(s) and the Extension Staff will rule a decision. Formal Protests must be submitted in writing to the Extension Staff and follow the Hitchcock County Grievance Policy.
- E. **Courtesy & Cooperation** - All exhibitors and families are expected to extend courtesy to other exhibitors and their animals. This includes but is not limited to sharing of show arena for practicing and exercising animals, show ring courtesy, courtesy of space in barns, etc. Any questions that may arise should be referred to the Superintendent of your show division.
- F. **County Fair Pre-Entry Deadlines** - All 4-H pre-fair entries are due in the County Extension Office by entry deadline and must be accompanied by all fees or entry will not be accepted. To be eligible to compete at the Hitchcock County Fair, all enrollment and entry deadlines must have been met. No exceptions will be made.
- G. **Eligibility Of Exhibitors** - Only those youth enrolled in 4-H in Hitchcock County are eligible to exhibit in the county fair 4-H areas. See 4-H General Rules and Guidelines for participation requirements and age divisions in County Fair and State Fair.
- H. **Eligibility Of Animals** - All animals exhibited must be nominated (identified) with the Extension Office on appropriate nomination papers by the deadline (see Ownership of Animals). Should any individual enter an animal in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or attempt to perpetuate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any award, and the owner shall be barred from this show until reinstated. Any 4-H project animal that has been offered for auction, where the intent of the auction is change of ownership, is ineligible for the 4-H livestock classes at the Hitchcock County Fair or the Nebraska State Fair.
Special Animal Ownership Option - 4-H Council Permission may be given to youth who do not have ownership of animal. For example, a youth who does not have the resources (money/stalling) to own the animal and keep on their own premises, may receive special permission from the 4-H Council to show in the regular 4-H classes. Each case must be presented to the 4-H Council before the time of registration (weigh-in or ID sheet due date). The exhibitor must be a primary caretaker of the animal and must exhibit a log stating the time worked with the animal. The log will need to be signed by a 4-H Council approved leader or volunteer. The log must show 75 hours of work for beef, 60 hours of work for sheep, and 50 hours of work for hogs with the majority of time spent in June and July with training.
- I. **Ownership Of Animals** -All livestock must be owned by the exhibitor nominated on proper forms and turned into the local Extension Office by June 1. For State Fair all livestock must be nominated online at showstockmgr.com by June 15. All market animals (beef, sheep, Hog & meat goats) must have a hair sample for DNA testing returned to the local Extension Office by June 15. 4-H'ers planning to exhibit at County or State Fair are responsible for following all guidelines set forth by the specific shows.

All horse identification must be complete on proper identification forms and return to the local Extension Office by May 7, 2021.

- J. **Weigh In** -All Market Livestock will be weighed in on entry day and shown according to weight. Methods used on animals which do not provide true weight or appearance will also be disqualified.
- K. **Stalling of Animals** - All animals must be stalled on the fairgrounds by 7:00 p.m. Weigh-in livestock will be held Wednesday of fair from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If there is any question on the show weight of the 4-H market beef, calf, lamb or pig, the market animal, the 4-H'er and /or the 4-H parents, and a third party appointed by the superintendent may re-weigh the animal on the scale within 30 minutes of the close of weigh-in.
- L. **Inhumane Treatment Of Animals** -Abuse of animals in any form will not be allowed. No electric prods or muzzles will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping (i.e. lambs) and exhibiting the lamb with its feet off the ground, are not acceptable. Halters with throat straps, nose leads, barbed or studded show halter chain leads and other equipment determined to be distracting or severe to the animal by the division superintendent will not be permitted.
- M. **Substitutions** - Substitutions between divisions are not allowed (i.e. a market lamb cannot be substituted for a breeding sheep entry). And a market animal cannot also be shown as a breeding animal and vice versa. An animal must be shown by the 4-H owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of serious illness, 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 4-H member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. Substitute showmen must be a 4-H member exhibiting at a current Hitchcock County 4-H livestock show. All substitute showmen should wear an exhibitor number identifying him/her as a substitute showman.
- N. **Only Purples Can Be Champions** - Any beef, sheep, Hog, meat goat, dog, companion animal, poultry or rabbit entry must be awarded a 1st or 2nd purple ribbon in a class to be eligible to compete for champion or reserve champion.
- O. **Back Tags** - Each 4-H exhibitor will have their own unique number printed on a back tag. Exhibitors must have this number on their back while exhibiting animals.
- P. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** - All exhibitors in beef, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and Hog must have received YQCA training or testing through a UNL Extension program prior to the fair. Program attendance or completion of online module is required. Completion of training will be certified by county extension staff.
- Q. **Grooming Of Livestock** - Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the 4-H exhibitor, however assistance may be provided by other Hitchcock County fair 4-H exhibitors and/or immediate family members including: brothers, sisters and/or parents/legal guardian of the exhibitor. No professional groomers will be allowed.

All livestock shows will be **Blow and Go**; animals may be clipped, blown and brushed or combed to enhance their appearance. Guidelines for the Blow and Go show:

1. All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.
2. Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through, or alter the color of the animal are forbidden.
3. Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesives or glue qualities, or artificial colorings are permitted. Paint will be allowed on the hooves and dewclaws only.
4. Any animal found to have prohibited products applied (adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products) will be disqualified from competition. Any premiums (physical or monetary) will be forfeited and no refunds will be made.

All animals will be subject to visual inspection and/or toweling (before and/or after entering the show ring) using a disposable blue shop towel for the presence of adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. Toweling of the animal may include, but is not limited to, the topline, legs, chest, belly, flank, and cod/udder areas. If, after inspection, the animal is found to have adhesive,

glue, paint, or powder products applied it will be disqualified from competition. Any premiums (physical or monetary) will be forfeited and no refunds will be made.

- R. **Unethical Practices** - At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Any feed/substance being fed must be labeled for the specific species and all withdrawal times must be adhered to. The superintendents & Extension Staff have the right to ask for and see the original containers with labeling.

The following are termed unethical practices and will not be allowed: doctoring, doping, tubing or injecting show animals for body "fill-ins" or the alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animals; any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body "fill in"; external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal. Icing of animals will not be allowed. No drench guns or artificial devise for the hydrating or feeding of animals will be allowed. The drenching process will be allowed only by a veterinarian with the knowledge of the area superintendent and Extension Staff. Changing the color of hair at any point will not be allowed.

Prohibited substance and/or unethical fitting as defined as: the injection, use or administration of any drug substance that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State or Local Law; the injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing or transforming the true conformation, color, breed, condition of age or by making the animal appear more sound than otherwise would appear; the administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affection the central nervous system; the administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal; any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of beef, sheep, Hog or goat carcasses or the deception.

- S. **Dress Code** - Beef, Hog, sheep, dog, rabbit, poultry, and small animal exhibitors must wear the official 4-H shirt sold at the Extension Office or a white shirt (or blouse) with the 4-H chevron, armbands will not be accepted. If a chevron is worn, it is to be placed on the left side of the shirt (not on the sleeve). No hats, caps, or other types of headgear are to be worn. Hard soled boots or shoes are suggested for safety purposes. Only dark colored jeans are permitted when showing livestock. Belt is suggested. No number harnesses are allowed.

Horse exhibitors must wear armbands on a white shirt (or blouse) on the left arm above the elbow. A western hat must be worn. Dark blue denim jeans are to be worn. Belts are recommended. Hard soled boots or shoes are suggested for safety purposes. Specific guidelines are in the horse rule book to be followed. Boot tennis shoes will not be acceptable.

All exhibitors not following the dress code will be dropped one ribbon placing.

- T. **Stalls And Pens** -Assignment of stalls and pens will be made by the species Superintendent. You must stall in assigned stall or pen. Bedding will not be provided. The Hitchcock County Ag Society recommends the use of straw or wood chips bedding for all livestock exhibits. Exhibitors must clean out all pens and stalls immediately after exhibits are released from county fair. This includes the Pen of 3 barn pens.
- U. **Animals Must Stay In Fenced Area** - All animals must remain within the fenced area around the livestock barns and show arena. No animals will be allowed in parking areas or trailers. All trailers and vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas.
- V. **Care For Animals** -Animals must be securely tied in stalls or in pens unless exhibitor is with animal. All animals must be properly feed and watered throughout the fair. Stall and pens need

to be cleaned daily and the stalls/pens must be cleaned by the exhibitor at the end of the fair. This includes the Pen of 3 Barn.

- W. **Safety** - If an animal is deemed dangerous by recommendation of the Livestock Superintendents, the owner may be subject to any or all of the following penalties: 1) Dismissal from the fairgrounds, 2) Animal tied in barns at all times, 3) Lowered ribbon placing. Animal must enter ring to be judged.
- X. **Judges/Judging** - If any exhibitor interferes with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act or otherwise he/she shall be excused from competition and exhibition for such period of time as the 4-H Council may determine and forfeit any awards received at this fair. Any person, not an exhibitor, who interferes with the judges in any manner during the performance of their duties, shall be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
- Y. **Animal Testing & Certification Of Drug Use & Withdrawal** - Each exhibitor will be asked to submit a signed affidavit certifying correct withdrawal from legal drugs, vaccines or other substances. They will also certify that their entries have not received any non-approved drugs. Affidavits must be turned into Extension Staff before or at time of county fair weigh-in. Any animal entered is subject to any type of testing at the discretion of the 4-H Council, Superintendents, and Extension and will be done at the expense of the exhibitor if results are positive. If results of testing are negative the expenses will be the responsibility of the party filing the complaint. If the testing indicates the possible use of compounds or drugs not approved for use in the species by FDA or compounds or drugs used outside the specified withdrawal requirements of FDA, these animals will be declared ineligible for competition and all awards.
- Z. **Health** - Superintendents are authorized to refuse any animals showing signs of infections, contagious, communicable diseases or which are otherwise dangerous to other people or animals being shown.
- AA. **National Code Of Show Ring Ethics** - The Hitchcock County Fair will impose all rules of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethic. Any violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics will result in forfeiture of all premium/booster/incentive monies and awards. The Hitchcock County 4-H Council holds the right to determine other penalties deemed necessary.

Herdsmanship - Each individual family will compete for Herdsmanship. You do not need to pre enter for herdsmanship. Ribbon ratings and prizes will be given out by each species. In the 4-H Division all awards will be made on a group (family) basis according to merit. The 4-H Council will select the judges. Consideration will be given to the general appearance, sanitation, neatness and individual names above exhibits.

The following point system will be used.

- 50% - Cleanliness of alley and stalls. Stalls: clean and neat; bedding clean and fresh; feed and feed pans and buckets clean and in place. Alleys: exhibitor's share if alley area kept clean; kept free of equipment; dust kept under control with proper sprinkling.
- 20% - Arrangements of exhibits including feed, tack and show equipment.
- 20% - Exhibit identification signs and awards clearly in place.
- 10% - Courtesy and conduct of exhibitor(s).

Herdsmanship will begin Thursday morning and final Herdsmanship will be checked on Sunday after final clean-up.

Ultrasound: Youth exhibitor or family member must be present and take their animals to be ultra-sounded to be eligible for the carcass contest. No animals will be ultra-sounded without exhibitor or family member present.

Showmanship

- Showmanship animals must be an animal exhibited in another class by exhibitor who entered and shows the animal. An animal can only be shown in one showmanship class. 4-H'ers are not allowed to wear hats in the show ring when showing livestock.
- Judging will be based on fitting, training and showmanship rather than on the excellence of the animal.
- See 4-H General Rules and Guidelines for age divisions.

Round Robin Contest

1. **Purpose** - The purpose of this contest is to determine the livestock showman with the best multi-species skills in animal showmanship. There will be three divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The divisions will consist of all showmanship champions from each of the four species (beef, sheep, hogs and goat). If there is only a junior and senior division of showmanship in a species and there are no intermediate aged showman receiving a purple, the Junior will show in Junior (8-11) Round Robin and Senior (12-18) will show in Senior Round Robin.
2. **Eligibility** - The Champion showman from each species in the senior, intermediate and junior division of the beef, sheep or Hog show will be eligible. An individual is only able to show one species. If qualified in more than one, the contestant will choose which one species to show unless there is not a Reserve Champion in a species. In the case where a Reserve Champion is not available then the Champion will show with that species. If the individual who has qualified has a conflict or otherwise wishes not to participate in the contest, then the next highest ranking individual in that species will be eligible to compete provided that a purple ribbon was earned. If a purple ribbon showman is not available, that species will not be represented. Exhibitors are eligible to participate in this contest as often as they qualify even if they have won the contest before.
3. **Species** - Species eligible to participate in this contest are beef, sheep, goat and Hog.
4. **Animals** - A livestock committee will be responsible for lining up animals that do not belong to any of the youth participating. None of the participants can use their own animal. Competition will be a blow and show event. No grooming may be done other than brushing and removing dirt. Participants will not be judged on grooming.
5. **Judging** – There will be three rotations, contestants will be judged on:
 - A. Showmanship - 5 points
 1. Control of animal by exhibitor
 2. Poise and coolness of exhibitor
 3. Skill in showing
 - a. Continuous attention
 - b. Keeping animals placed to advantage
 - c. Keeping themselves in proper position
 - B. Questions may be asked by the judges - 5 points
 - C. Exhibitor's Appearance - 5 points
 1. Appearance (neat, clean & appropriate for department)
 2. Attitude
 3. Courtesy (to officials and other exhibitors)

Scores will be added together from each species. The highest score will result in being the Champion Round Robin Showman.

6. **Tie Breaker** - In the event that two or more exhibitors complete the competition with the same overall total score, the tie breaker will be the total points earned for the species they were selected for the Round Robin Contest in.
7. **Dress** – Exhibitors must follow 4-H dress code. Exhibitor numbers will be provided numbers and must be worn on the back of each 4-H exhibitor.
8. **Prize** - The exhibitor with the most points at the end of the contest in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions will be deemed the Round Robin Showmanship Champion and receive an embroidered jacket to be given at achievement program. The reserve champion will receive a trophy.

Beef Showmanship

G923901 – Beef Showmanship

Market Beef

All market beef are required to be born on or after January 1 of the previous year.

CLASS

G923904 - Market Steer (classes will be broken by weight)

G923920 - Market Heifer (classes will be broken by weight)

Pen-Of-Three Beef -

Must include 3 market beef. The market beef must be weighed at spring weigh-in and again at the county fair. They do not need to be halter broke but tame enough to be calm in a pen. The animals will be evaluated on:

1. Quality of the animals
2. Uniformity of the pen
3. Market readiness

G923921 - Steer Pen-Of-Three

G923922 - Heifer Pen-Of-Three

Prospect Calves

1. Each member may exhibit only two prospect calves.
2. All 4-H prospect calves must be owned by the 4-H'ers or the immediate family or follow special permission guidelines.
3. Calves must be born between January 1 – June 1 of the current year.
5. Calves will be shown by steer, heifer or bull. They will also be shown by month born permitting there is enough calves to break classes.

CLASS

G923930 – Prospect Calf – Steer

G923935 – Prospect Calf – Heifer

G923940 – Prospect Calf – Bull

Bucket Calf - A bucket calf must be an orphan or newborn calf not on it's mother; male or female; dairy, beef, or cross; hand fed with nipple bucket or bottle. Calf must be born with in January 1 to June 1 of the current year.

The animals will be judged on

- a) health and condition of calf
- b) showmanship, which includes how clean the animal is (this is not a fitting contest)
- c) knowledge of project
- d) tameness of the calf.

All calves will be shown in a halter and the 4-H'er may or may not use a show stick. Project is limited to 4-H'ers 8-11 years old only. Bucket calves cannot be shown in Junior Showmanship. Bucket Calves may be released immediately following the show. Calves should be washed and combed only. Clipping is optional.

CLASS

G923941 - 8 and 9 Year Old Youth

G923942 - 10 and 11 Year old youth

Breeding Heifers

CLASS

G923943 - Heifer, Born January – March 2019

G923944 - Heifer, Born April – June 2019

G923945 - Heifer, Born July – September 2019

G923946 - Heifer, Born October – December 2019

G923947 - Cow/Calf Pair – This is heifer with first calf pasture conditioned. No grooming. Up to two pair may be shown.

G923948 - Cow/Calf Pair with 2nd Calf or more – This is a cow with her second or greater calf that is pasture conditioned. No Grooming. Up to two pair may be shown.

BEEF TEAM FITTING CONTEST - Purpose: To provide a demonstration of different fitting and showing techniques that are used at this present time. This should provide an excellent opportunity for younger members and families to observe the preparation of a beef animal and also provide friendly competition between 4-H members in the county.

RULES

1. Any 4-H member may participate in the fitting contest.
2. The teams will be randomly drawn on the day of the show.

3. Teams will consist of 4 persons. Each team must include at least one junior member (12 years and under) one senior member and an adult advisor. (The adult may only advise, he or she will not touch, hold or lead the animal, or give the final oral presentation.
4. Youth in team must provide a calf.
5. The fitting of the animal will take place in a blocking stand.
6. Team members will provide their own blocking stand and all equipment and supplies needed to prepare the animal.
7. All teams will be allowed up to 45 minutes to prepare their animal and prepare a short oral presentation of what they did and why.
8. Members will be judged throughout the time limit allowed. Speed is not essential, each team is expected to use the full allotted time and no points will be added or subtracted for faster or slower ability.
9. After the time has passed, number one draw will remove their animal from the blocking stand, present it in the show ring. One member will show the animal and remaining members will give an oral presentation.
10. When all teams have presented their animals the judge will give the final placing.
11. Champion Rosettes and ribbons will be awarded as well as a premium to 4-H members.
12. Team members will be responsible for removing show oil, adhesive, and etc. from the animal.
13. Teams of 4 will be made up of a mix of Junior, Intermediate and Senior aged youth.

CLASS

G923950 – Beef Team Fitting Contest

Sheep

- A. Showing & Handling Practices - The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping lambs and exhibiting the lamb with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. 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.)
- B. Club Lamb Fungus Inspection - All sheep exhibits (breeding and market) will be inspected for evidence of club lamb fungus. Exhibits determined to have "active" club lamb fungus will not be eligible to show and will be sent home.
- C. Minimum Age Requirement - All market lambs are required to be born on or after November 1, 2019
- D. Definition of Market Lambs - Wether and ewe lambs are eligible for market classes. Short scrotum, cryptorchid or ram lambs are not eligible as market lambs.
- E. Scrapies Tags for Sheep - All ewe (breeding and market) and rams must have the scrapie tags before they will be able to be tagged and identified to be eligible to compete at any 4-H show. All tags must be in place to exhibit at the county fair.
- F. No bucks can be shown in Market Lamb classes.
- G. Market Lamb Classes will be broken by weight. Ewes and wethers will show together in the market classes.

Classes

G927901 – Sheep Showmanship (all divisions)

G927904 - Market Lambs under 1 year

G927920 - Breeding ewe lambs under 1 year

G927921 - Breeding ewe yearling 1 year and older but under 2 years

G927922 - Breeding ewe aged older than 2 years

G927923 - Breeding ram lambs under 1 year

Division 19 - Pen-Of-Three Sheep

1. Sheep can be in both, a Pen-of-Three and in an individual Market Class. Must be a Market Animal.
2. There will be one class and youth may mix sexes of lambs as needed.
3. Awards will be based on the three lambs.
4. Lambs must be exhibited in pens at the Hitchcock Co. Fair to receive awards.

5. Siblings may combine pens only if an exhibitor does not have a pen of three of their own and one exhibitor may exhibit the combined pen.

G927924 - Sheep-Pen-of-Three

Hog

- A. Market classes will be broke by weight. Barrows and Gilts will show together in market classes.
- B. Breeding Gilt classes will be broke by weight.
- C. Driving Instruments: Driving instruments are to be used for the purpose of directing barrows/gilts while they are in transit throughout the barn and while they are being exhibited in the show ring. Exhibitors are to treat animals in a humane manner at all times and Show Management will provide a warning to any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry. Any exhibitor who fails to heed the warning will be disqualified and removed from Show grounds.
- D. Hog to be exhibited shall originate directly from a herd not under quarantine. Under no circumstances may Hog under quarantine be exhibited. Only Hog, not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases, will be allowed to show.
- E. Hogs will be permitted to be taken home. The 4-H Council is not responsible for any contagious and/or communicable diseases that may be passed on.
- F. A 4-H member will be limited to exhibiting a total of four market hogs. Market hogs may be either barrows or gilts.

CLASS

Showmanship

G925901 – Hog Showmanship

G925904 - Market Hog

G925920- Breeding Gilt

Gilts may be nominated (identified on proper forms) on a breeding gilt or market hog form.

Pen-Of-Three Hog

1. Hog can be in both a Pen-of-Three and in an individual Market Class. Must be a Market Animal.
2. There will be one class and youth may mix sexes of pigs as needed.
3. Awards will be based on the three pigs.
4. Hogs must be exhibited in pens at the Hitchcock Co. Fair to receive awards.
5. Siblings may combine pens only if an exhibitor does not have a pen of three of their own and one exhibitor may exhibit the combined pen.

CLASS

G925930 - Pen-Of-Three Hog

Goats

- A. Showing & Handling Practices - The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping goats 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.)
- B. Neck Chains & Halters - Goats are to be shown with either a halter, smooth neck chain, or smooth collar only. Spike collars are not acceptable and will result in the lowering of a ribbon placing.
- C. Horns - Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.
- D. Minimum Age Requirement - All market goats are required to be born on or after November 1, 2019. Market goats are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth.

- E. Definition of Market Goats - Market goats may be doe or wether kids. Short scrotum, cryptorchid or buck kids are not eligible as market goats.
- F. Scrapie Tags for Goats - All does (breeding and market) and bucks must have the scrapie tags before they will be able to be tagged and identified to be eligible to compete at any 4-H show. All tags must be in place to exhibit at the county fair.
- G. No bucks can be shown in Market Goat classes.
- H. Market Goat Classes will be broken by weight. Does and wethers will show together in market classes.

Goat Showmanship

G900901 – Goat Showmanship

GOAT CLASS

G900904 – Meat Goats under 1 year

G900919 – Breeding Doe Kids under 1 year

G900920– Breeding Yearling Doe-meat goat breeds 1 year and under but less than 2 years

G900921– Breeding Aged Doe-meat goat breeds older than 2 years

G900922 – Yearling Buck under 1 year

G900923 – Other Goat – including dairy and non-meat goat breeds

Rate of Gain Contest

The rate of gain contest will be held for the beef, sheep and goat projects. The animals must be listed on the official 4-H animal identification sheet and must be weighed in on the official county weigh-in date and place. Animals weighed in on another date or at a different place will not be allowed to enter the contest. The rate of gain contest is based on the amount of weight per day each animal gains from initial weigh-in date to county fair weigh-in date. The animal with the highest amount of gain will be the winner. All livestock following the rate of gain rules will automatically be entered into the contest.

Horses

1. A 4-H member exhibiting a Light Horse project may own the horse himself, use a family owned horse or use a horse owned by someone else. Joint ownership on 4-H horses must be within the same family.
2. Horses must be identified and records filed at the Extension Office. Classes and events will be conducted according to 4-H 373. "Nebraska 4-H Horse Shows and Judging guide".

Classes

G926901 – Horse Showmanship

G926904 - Weanling Fillie (foaled between Jan. 1 and June 1)

G926905 - 1 Year Old Fillie

G926906 - 2 year Old Fillie

G926907 - 3-12 Year Old Mares

G926908 - 13 and Older Mares

G926909 - Weanling Colt (foaled between Jan. 1 and June 1)

G926910 - 1 Year Old Gelding

G926911 - 2 Year Old Gelding

G926912 - 3-12 Year Old Gelding

G926913 - 13 and Older Gelding

G926914 - Mare & Foal (Mare with one foal to be shown.) Foal must have been foaled in the calendar year of the show

G926915 – Senior Light Horse Pleasure

G926916 – Intermediate Light Horse Pleasure

G926917 - Junior Light Horse Pleasure

G926918 - Senior Horsemanship

G926919 – Intermediate Horsemanship

G926920 - Junior Horsemanship

G926921 - Senior Reining

G926922 – Intermediate Reining

G926923 - Junior Reining
G926924 - Senior Barrels
G926925 - Intermediate Barrels
G926926 - Junior Barrels
G926927 - Senior Pole Bending
G926928 - Intermediate Pole Bending
G926929 - Junior Pole Bending
G926930 - Senior Trail
G926931 - Intermediate Trail
G926932 - Junior Trail