

ANIMAL RULES & REGULATIONS

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In addition to the following animal rules and regulations, livestock/animal exhibitors must abide by the General Rules and Regulations stated in previous section. For more detailed information concerning the Washington County 4-H Livestock and Horse Program, go to: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/fairs-events-0/> or contact the Nebraska Extension Office (402-426-9455).

ANIMAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

PRE-ENTRY FORM DEADLINE

MONDAY, JULY 8 by 5:00 p.m.

<https://go.unl.edu/wcfentryforms>



- Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets (FORM - SF262)
- Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs (FORM - SF263)
- Online Animal Pre-Entries
- Online Clover Kid Animal Pre-Entries

OWNERSHIP/IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS:

All livestock [beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle, dairy goats, horses, hogs, meat goats, rabbit, sheep] exhibited must be owned/identified by the 4-H member in compliance with the Washington County 4-H Ownership Guidelines. Washington County Identification Sheets, Ownership Affidavits, Photos, and DNA envelopes must be submitted to the Nebraska Extension Office by the deadline **JUNE 15**. No animal may be exhibited in both breeding and market classes.

LIVESTOCK PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT:

All Livestock Exhibitors (Beef, Goat, Hog and Sheep) Exhibitors are REQUIRED to submit photo identification to go.unl.edu/wcphotoid

PUREBRED LIVESTOCK:

Exhibitors of purebred livestock must provide proof of registry including registration name and number to the department superintendent at time of check in.

YQCA (YOUTH for the QUALITY CARE of ANIMALS) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Nebraska 4-H and FFA Programs REQUIRE members (8 - 18 years old) exhibiting BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS, HOGS, MEAT GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, and SHEEP be certified Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H program and has been implemented into the Washington County 4-H and FFA Programs. Therefore, this certification must be completed by **JUNE 15** to be eligible to exhibit.

CARE OF ANIMALS:

- Any animal that is determined to be unmanageable, or could be a safety hazard to the public, may be removed from the Fairgrounds after consultation with the representation from the 4-H Council Grievance Committee, Show Committee, Ag Society (Fair Board) President and Extension 4-H staff. The determined ruling will be final.
- All possible care will be used to prevent loss or injury to articles or animals or exhibitors. However, it is expressly understood that the management of the fair will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur.
- Muzzles or similar devices are NOT allowed on any 4-H animals.
- Drenching of livestock is allowed and is defined as the oral administration of fluids that allows the animal to swallow. Pumping is NOT allowed and is defined as the act of completely bypassing directly into the stomach utilizing a tube or pump.

ANIMAL ARRIVAL DEADLINES:

- **BEEF – MARKET & SENIOR BREEDING HEIFERS:** must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **BEEF - BUCKET CALVES:** OPTION: Friday of Fair by 9:00 p.m. OR Monday of Fair from 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- **BEEF - FEEDER CALVES:** OPTION: Friday of Fair by 9:00 p.m. OR Monday of Fair from 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- **BEEF - JUNIOR BREEDING HEIFERS:** OPTION: Friday of Fair by 9:00 p.m. OR Monday of Fair from 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- **CAT:** Tuesday of Fair at 1:00 p.m.
- **COMPANION ANIMALS:** Tuesday of Fair at 1:00 p.m.
- **DAIRY CATTLE (exception of cows in milk):** must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **DAIRY CATTLE (cows in milk):** must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday of Fair.
- **DAIRY GOATS (exception of goats in milk):** must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **DAIRY GOATS (goats in milk):** must be in place by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday of Fair.
- **DOG:** Tuesday of Fair at 7-7:30 a.m.
- **HOGS:** must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **HORSE:** Refer to Animal Section, Horse Department/Division.
- **MEAT GOATS:** must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **POULTRY:** must be in place by 6:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **RABBITS:** must be in place by 6:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **SHEEP:** must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **Animals that are required to stay the entire fair CANNOT leave the fairgrounds once they have checked in.** **EXCEPTION: Clover Kid animals that are ONLY exhibited by a Clover Kid 4-H member.**

BEDDING:

- The Washington County Fair Board will provide bedding for the Poultry and Rabbits.
- The Washington County Fair Board will furnish bedding for all beef (market beef, breeding beef, feeder calf and bucket calf) and dairy cattle entries. No other bedding is to be used. A bedding fee per head may be implemented at time of check-in.
- All other livestock exhibitors are required to make their own arrangements for bedding.

STALL/PEN CLEAN-UP:

- Members are responsible for cleaning out stalls at the conclusion of the fair. Please remove shavings from stall/pens and place in center aisle for clean-up. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN EXHIBITOR.

SHOW SIZE LIMIT/PROBATION:

- If a species show does not have at least five animals in the show, they will be placed on probation the following year.
- Should the show not exceed five animals while on probation, the 4-H Council has the option of removing the show from the fair schedule the following year.

MARKET ANIMALS – RE-WEIGH:

- Immediate re-weighs are only permitted if the animal stays within sight of the scale and committee.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

ALL animals must be in good health at the time of the fair. Animals that have active ringworm, fungus or visible warts will not be allowed entry into the Washington County Fair. If animals are brought and found to be suspect, it is at the Extension personnel and fair official's discretion to seek advisement from a veterinarian and possible dismissal of infected animals from the fair and show.

Beef	No health papers required.
Cat	<u>CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR CATS & FERRETS</u> (SF262 available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and <u>SUBMITTED BY PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE</u> to the Nebraska Extension Office, Blair. All cats and kittens entered are REQUIRED to be current on their Feline Vaccinations: Rabies, FPL, PVR, FCV, FeLV. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!
Dairy Cattle	No health papers required.
Dogs	<u>CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR DOGS</u> (SF263 available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and <u>SUBMITTED by PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE</u> to the Nebraska Extension Office, Blair. All dogs entered are REQUIRED to be current on their vaccinations; Rabies, Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Parvovirus. COMPANION ANIMAL SHOW: Dogs exhibited in the Companion Animal Show must present the certificate at time of check-in. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE! Dogs in season will not be allowed to show.
Ferret	<u>CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR CATS & FERRETS</u> (SF262 available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and <u>SUBMITTED BY PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE</u> to the Nebraska Extension Office, Blair. All ferrets entered are REQUIRED to be current on their Rabies vaccination. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!
Goat	No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below).
Hog	No health papers required. However, market hogs must originate from a herd not under quarantine for Pseudorabies and must be healthy and free of disease.
Horses	No health papers required.
Poultry	All poultry must be healthy and free of disease. Nebraska currently has pullorum typhoid-free status. In order to maintain the status, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture may be conducting a surveillance test on the Washington County Fair poultry exhibits sometime during the fair.
Rabbit	No health papers required.
Sheep	No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below).

SCRAPIE TAG (USDA BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRIES) GUIDELINES:

The USDA Bureau of Animal Industries has mandated a national program to eradicate scrapie in sheep flocks and goat herds.

- **All female and male sheep** exhibited at the Washington County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). Female and male sheep are required to be tagged with proper identification at the Washington County Fair sheep check-in. This applies to both market and breeding, regardless of age.
- **All female and male (commercial) goats** exhibited at Washington County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). Female and male goats are required to be tagged with proper identification at the Washington County Fair goat check-in.

- For more information, go to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website located at: <https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/diseases/scrapie/index.html>

SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES:

- Exhibitors who made the entry are eligible to compete in showmanship with that animal.
- Members taking part in a showmanship class will be judged on their skill and on the appearance their animal makes before the judges.
- Any animal may be shown in only ONE showmanship class.
- In showmanship classes, a 4-H member can ONLY exhibit an animal that has been officially identified in their name AND that they have entered in the live show. Exhibitors may NOT exhibit some other exhibitor's animal (including siblings) in the showmanship competition. EXCEPTION: Clover Kid Exhibitor.
- Winners of junior and intermediate divisions in previous years must move up to the next older division. **This will be at the discretion of the show committee based on the number of exhibitors and size of the show.**

GROOMING & FITTING:

- Grooming of livestock during the entire fair, including the day of the show, should be done by the 4-H/FFA member.
- Assistance from 4-H members, family members or others will be permitted only when the 4-H member is **PRESENT** and **ACTIVELY** taking part. The only exception is if the 4-H/FFA member is currently in the show ring with another animal.
- All 4-H/FFA families are asked to work together to make show day a positive experience for everyone.
- **Grooming of all beef animals must be done in the open-air beef barn or the open-air poultry and rabbit pavilion.**
- If color comes off the animal, it is at the judge's discretion as to the ramifications.
- SHEEP - Spray paint in any manner will not be allowed.
- **Upon violation of the above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved may be disqualified from the show.**

DRESS CODE for LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL

EXHIBITORS:

- For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair reference for DRESS CODE.
- **Failure to comply with dress code will result in the drop of a ribbon placing.**
- 4-H t-shirts, chevrons and armbands may be purchased at the Nebraska Extension Office in Blair. The and at the Washington County Fair 4-H Office during the fair.

SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITOR:

- If a 4-H exhibitor is injured or seriously ill at the time of the show, the project may be continued and the animal may be exhibited in the name of the original 4-H member.
- The substitute exhibitor must be a 4-H member entered in the Washington County Fair (preferred enrollment in animal project area being shown).
- Approval for a substitute exhibitor must be verified in advance of the show by the show superintendent, show committee or Nebraska Extension staff.
- Horse exhibitors are exempt from all substitute exhibitor cases.
- An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another eligible exhibitor to exhibit one of his/her animals, but must meet all show requirements as far as dress code and age eligibility.
- The substitute exhibitor must wear the same exhibitor number as assigned to the owner of the animal.
- Exhibitor numbers are available from the show superintendent or at the 4-H office.

HERDSMANSHIP:

DEPT. G / DIV. 999

Class 1BHERD - Beef

Class 2DCHERD - Dairy Cattle

Class 3DGHHERD - Dairy Goat

Class 4HHERD – Hog

Class 5MGHERD - Meat Goat

Class 6SHERD - Sheep

PREMIUMS/AWARDED PER CLUB:

1st - \$20.00, 2nd - \$15.00, 3rd - \$10.00, 4th - \$5.00

Herdsmanship premiums will be paid to the top four clubs (a club is defined as having at least **five** members from at least **three** different families) in each specie. Independent members are not eligible for premiums. Herdsmanship will be judged for Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Hogs and Sheep.

- Herdsmanship Responsibility: Duties are the responsibility of exhibitors rather than leaders and parents.
- Beginning and Ending of Herdsmanship: Herdsmanship begins at the time the division of livestock (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Hogs, Meat Goats and Sheep) is to be in place and ends at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday of the fair.
- Judging: Livestock exhibits may be judged for herdsmanhip at any time between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Efforts will be made to avoid judging herdsmanhip during the showing of the species. Each livestock division will be judged separately.
- Display of Animals: All animals shall be in their stalls or pens between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except for weighing, washing and showing.
- Cleaning Stalls or Pens: It is the responsibility of all club members to keep club stalls neat and clean at all times. **4-H clubs/ members are responsible for cleaning out stalls at the conclusion of the fair, according to the requests of the livestock committees and the fair board. 4-H clubs not in compliance will forfeit premium.**
- Posting results: Results of herdsmanhip judging will be posted as results are tabulated.
- Basis of Rating Herdsmanship: Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging county exhibits for herdsmanhip:
 - *Stall Cards in place for each species as soon after entry of animals as possible. Ribbon stickers should be put on stall cards..... 10 PTS*
 - *Aisles clean and free of manure, straw, equipment and other objects..... 30 PTS*
 - *Area around animals clean and orderly with tack, show boxes, feed and additional straw clean and orderly.....30 PTS*
 - *Animals well bedded, clean and properly cared for.....30 PTS*
 - TOTAL..... 100 PTS***