2020
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

FFA
Entry Information and Award List

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STATE FAIR IMPORTANT DATES

1. **July 1** – All livestock shall be the property of the exhibitor and a part of the FFA member’s SAE Program.
2. **July 1** – All beef, dairy, sheep, goats, and swine must have the correct identification in place, DNA samples collected if market animals and information submitted into the Show Stock Manager Web Site. DNA collector envelopes should be mailed to AKSARBEN and can arrive at the office no later than June 20.
3. **August 10, 5 p.m.** – Online registration due for Nebraska State Fair livestock entries (includes chapter t-shirt order)
4. **August 24, 5 p.m.**—On-line registration due for Nebraska State Fair static exhibits
5. **August 25 or before** – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training must be completed
6. **State Fair Check In** – FFA Livestock Ethics Form and Statement of disclosure due to the Species Superintendent.
7. **Postmarked October 31** – $25 FFA Chapter entry fee
8. **October 31 of the same fair year** – All complaints, errors, omissions must be filed with the General Superintendent
2020 FFA STATE FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE:

LIVESTOCK: AUGUST 10, 2020 at 5 p.m.
STATIC EXHIBITS: AUGUST 24, 2020

ALL FFA ENTRIES WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE INDIVIDUAL FFA EXHIBITOR THROUGH SHOWWORKS. ENTRY FEES WILL BE PAID AT THE TIME OF ENTRY.

ALL SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS EXHIBITING AT STATE FAIR WILL PAY A $25 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. ONLY SCHOOL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE NEBRASKA FFA ASSOCIATION. SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE AN INVOICE.

ONLY ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. ENTRIES MUST BE MADE BY THE FFA EXHIBITOR BEFORE 5 p.m., AUGUST 10, 2020 FOR LIVESTOCK AND 5 p.m., AUGUST 24, 2020 FOR STATIC EXHIBITS. THERE IS NO LATE REGISTRATION FOR FFA LIVESTOCK. THERE ARE NO CANCELLATIONS OR REFUNDS.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FFA WEB SITES:
https://www.education.ne.gov/nce/ffa-state-fair/
https://statefair.org/competitions

AN ONLINE RECEIPT MAY BE PRINTED WHEN YOU MAKE ENTRIES.
2020 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FFA SCHEDULE
NOTE: The following schedule is tentative. Please consult the state fair website for the most up to date version. https://statefair.org/competitions/livestock-exhibitors

All FFA livestock may begin arriving at 8 a.m. on Friday, September 4th. All livestock must be in by 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 5th. All FFA static exhibits (ag mechanics, crops, range boards, horticulture and apiculture) must be in place by 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 5th.

LOT 2 – BEEF CATTLE
Market, Feeder and Breeding Beef Check-In.......................... Friday, September 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m. 
Beef Showmanship .................................................................... Saturday, September 5, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Breeding Beef Show ...................................................................... Saturday, September 5 after showmanship
Feeder Calf Show ........................................................................ Sunday, September 6, 8:00 a.m.
Market Beef Show ........................................................................ Sunday, September 6, after Feeder Calf Show
Beef released.................................................................................. when done showing
Parade of Champions and Champion Selection .................................. Postponed for 2020

LOT 3 – SWINE
Market Swine Check-In.......................................................... Saturday, September 5, 11:00-1:00 p.m.
Swine Showmanship........................................................................ Saturday, September 5, 6:00 p.m.
Breeding Swine Show .................................................................... Sunday, September 6, 8:00 a.m.
Market Swine Show ...................................................................... Sunday, September 6, after breeding show
Parade of Champions and Champion Selection ............................... Postponed for 2020
All Swine released......................................................................... when done showing

LOT 4 – SHEEP
Sheep Check-In................................................................. Saturday, September 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Sheep Showmanship............................................................. Saturday, September 5, 5:00 p.m.
Breed. Sheep Show .............................................................. Sunday, September 6, 8:00 a.m.
Market Lamb Show.......................................................... Sunday, September 6, after breeding sheep
Sheep released................................................................. when done showing
Parade of Champions and Champion Selection ........................ Postponed for 2020
Optionally Sold Market Lamb Load-Out............................................ TBD

LOT 5—GOATS
Goat Check-In ................................................................. Saturday, September 5, 11:00-1:00 p.m.
Goat Showmanship .......................................................... Saturday, September 5, 3:00 p.m.
Breeding Meat Goat Show .............................................................. Sunday, September 6, 10:00 a.m.
Market Goat Show............................................................. Sunday, September 6, after breeding
Parade of Champions and Champion Selection .................................................. TBD pending DHM
Goats released.................................................................................................. Postponed for 2020
Optionally Sold Market Goat Load-Out............................................................... TBD

**LOT 6 – AG MECHANICS**
Agricultural Mechanics Must be in .......................................................... Saturday, September 5, 1:00 p.m.

**LOT 7 – CROPS AND RANGE BOARDS**
Crops and Range Boards Must be in.............................................................. Saturday, September 5, 1:00 p.m.

**LOT 8 – HORTICULTURE AND APICULTURE**
Horticulture and Apiculture Must be in......................................................... Saturday, September 5, 1:00 p.m.

Ag Mech, Crops, Range Boards, Horticulture exhibits released........... Sunday, September 6, 1:00 p.m.
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR WEB SITE INFORMATION

For specific information regarding the fair, visit the Nebraska State Fair Website at: www.statefair.org. From there, click on Competitions.

The web site contains general information about attending the fair as well as general rules and regulations governing all livestock exhibitors at the fair. There will also be information covering fair entry and check in time for livestock exhibits.

Check the website frequently as the fair approaches. It will contain a number of updates about, check-in times, parking, gate passes, etc.
2020 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR GENERAL LIVESTOCK INFORMATION, RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME: The Nebraska State Fair Board welcomes you to the 151st Nebraska State Fair, held at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds on Fonner Park. We encourage your participation in the 2020 competitions. The State Fair Management Team is pleased to host you and your exhibits at the Fair while you enjoy your stay in Grand Island.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Nebraska State Fair: The nation’s most innovative exhibition focusing on interactive agriculture and educational experiences promoting families, fun and Nebraska Pride.

COMPETITION: Competition is open to the world except where otherwise specified.

AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY: At no time will the Nebraska State Fair assume care, custody or control of any animals and/or personal property of any exhibitor, except following the selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion 4-H and FFA Market animals. The Nebraska State Fair will assume control of these animals through the use of security guards once they are placed in Champion Row until the Parade of Champions, at which time the exhibitor will lead their animal out for the Parade. Exhibitors will be allowed to only feed their animals while on Champion Row. Otherwise, exhibitors will have full custody and control, and will care for, feed and keep safe their animals, livestock and personal property, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Nebraska State Fair and Show Management.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR COURTESY STATEMENT: In any barn where different species are present at the same time, the Nebraska State Fair expects that all exhibitors will extend courtesy to other exhibitors and their animal exhibits. This includes respect for designated areas, informational signage and division barriers. Any questions regarding this should be referred to the Superintendent of your show.

PARKING: It is recommended that livestock exhibitor vehicles park in places designated by the Fair Management. The Fair Management assumes no obligation and no liability for any theft or damage that may occur to the vehicle or its contents. No vehicles will be allowed to park for the sole purpose of advertising. All trucks ½ ton or larger and livestock trailers will be required, immediately after unloading, to park in designated areas. Trailers will be parked in the Brunks Lot, which is located south of the Fairgrounds.

FIRE REGULATIONS: No smoking/vaping in any buildings or barns. No flammable liquids are allowed in any buildings.

ALCOHOL ABUSE: To safeguard exhibitors, livestock and the public, the State of Nebraska Rules on Alcohol Use and Abuse will be enforced. Excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated. No one under the age of 21 is permitted to drink alcoholic beverages. Security and the State Patrol may be called if necessary.

AUXILIARY VEHICLES: Auxiliary vehicles (AV’s) such as golf carts, service carts, utility vehicles, and other four wheelers are NOT allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, including parking areas, the campground and other perimeter streets.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE REQUIRED: All parties utilizing their own golf carts or ATV’s must provide a “Certificate of Insurance” evidencing liability insurance on the golf cart or ATV with a liability limit of no less than $300,000 for injuries to others or damage to the property of others. See Auxiliary Vehicle policy above.

FEED AND BEDDING: All Feed and Bedding needs will be handled by Mid Nebraska Feeds, which is the local Purina dealer. Straw, bedding and/or feed will be available. The first bedding will be provided for exhibitors in the Cattle Barn, Sheep Barn and Swine Barn. Bulk bedding will be provided in the tie-out area. Exhibitors will be permitted to bring onto the grounds
a limited amount of feed, hay or straw. You can **pre-order** feed and additional bedding by contacting Mid Nebraska Feeds at 308-382-3048.

**CHECK-IN TRAILER HOURS:** Will be posted on the State Fair website. Please check prior to your arrival.

**LOTTERY:** No lottery or raffle shall be conducted at the Nebraska State Fair without the written authority of the Nebraska State Fair Board.

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**CAMPGROUND:** All campers are required to stop at the Campground office, pay the camping charges in advance, and receive a lot location assignment. Upon payment of camping charges, campground stickers will be furnished for cars. All vehicles that do not fit on the camping pad will be required to pay $3 per night for the vehicle. The Campground Area is fenced with a permanent fence, and a Campground Manager is on duty at all times. The Manager will assign camping locations and will maintain a Campground directory.

**CAMPGROUND FEES (PER DAY)**
- Campers & Trailers (full hook-up, all services & pad parking) - $33.00 + taxes/per day
- Autos (without trailers/campers) $ 3.00 per vehicle/per day

Check In: 12:00 noon – Check Out: 10:00 am

Campers left after 10:00 am will be charged an additional day at the regular daily rate.

**NALS&RMA:** The Nebraska State Fair is a member of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers’ Association, whose membership has approved the adoption of The IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics. Exhibitors are bound to abide by this Code. See Section #35 of General Livestock Rules & Regulations.

**DOGS:** Due to requirements of the liability insurance carrier and policy of all major livestock shows, NO dogs are allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, in parking lots or in buildings other than those for direct competition or service animals. All dogs must be on a leash. There shall be no loose or unattended dogs on the fairgrounds. No dogs will be permitted in the animal barns, in tie outs or on the Midway, except during authorized events, (stock dog competition). Dogs entered in Nebraska State Fair special performances or competitive events will be allowed on grounds or in buildings during performance or competition only.

**SOLICITATION:** All advertising and/or distribution of advertising materials, tracts, pamphlets, etc. must be confined to a leased location. No roving solicitation is allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

**THE PRESS:** News media services for obtaining reports of judges, awards, daily programs, special orders and announcements, official decisions and all Nebraska State Fair matters of interest or value to the public are available through the Nebraska State Fair website: www.statefair.org.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Parties wishing to have mail sent to them while in attendance at the Fair for the duration may have it addressed to them in care of the Department in which they are participating:

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**Deliveries for FedEx, UPS, etc.**
1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**: The following General Rules & Regulations apply to all departments including Open Class, 4-H and FFA. Please refer to each department for specific rules and requirements. Exhibitors are required to read ALL rules and regulations which pertain to the division they are entering. In the event of conflict of general and specific rules, the latter will govern. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with all applicable Rules & Regulations.

2. **INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND DISPUTES**: The Nebraska State Fair Management reserves to its Board the final and absolute right to interpret, amend or add to these Rules & Regulations as its judgment may determine, and to settle all disputes and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

3. **FAIR LIABILITY**: The Nebraska State Fair Management under no circumstances, will be responsible for personal injury, and assumes no liability for loss or damage of any nature to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor or patron while on the grounds or at any time or place due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions, or other causes, nor be liable for or make any payment for the value thereof.

4. **VIOLATION**: All exhibitors are bound by the most current editions of Nebraska State Fair’s Space Rental Rules & Regulations. Any violation of these Rules & Regulations will subject exhibitor to any penalties as Nebraska State Fair may order and/or penalties prescribed by law.

5. **EXHIBITOR COMPLIANCE**: Exhibitors and their associates must cooperate with all Nebraska State Fair officials including office clerks, grounds, admission, security and parking personnel and volunteers in all matters of policy. The Nebraska State Fair General Livestock Information, Rules & Regulations, Health Requirements, Additional 4H/FFA General Rules & Regulations, the IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics, and the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association (NALSRLMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID) will govern. By submitting an application for entry, exhibitors agree to comply with all Rules & Regulations governing the Nebraska State Fair as referenced in these Rules and available on the State Fair website.

6. **VOLUNTARY WAIVER**: The exhibitor agrees that the interpretation and enforcement of the Rules & Regulations by the Nebraska State Fair shall be final, without further complaint, appeal, claim, lawsuit or other recourse against the State Fair. By submitting application for entry, all exhibitors waive any right to challenge the State Fair’s determinations in that regard.

7. **SMOKING/VAPING**: To safeguard exhibitors and livestock, smoking and vaping is prohibited in all barns. Smoking/vaping is only allowed outside the buildings and barns. All exhibitors and guests are asked to cooperate with us in enforcing this rule.

8. **ALCOHOL ABUSE**: To safeguard exhibitors, livestock and the public, the State of Nebraska Rules on Alcohol Use and Abuse will be enforced. Excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated. No one under the age of 21 is permitted to drink alcoholic beverages. Security and the State Patrol may be called if necessary.

9. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**: The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if deemed necessary.

10. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**: The Nebraska State Fair management provides to all persons the opportunity to exhibit at the Fair without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or other non-merit factors. Any discrimination will be prohibited.

11. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**: All applications for entry, except llama/alpaca and stock dog
entries, must be made online at www.statefair.org. **All Open Class Livestock entries must be made electronically through the State Fair website by 8:00 pm, August 10, 2020.** Entries must be accompanied by all fees and other sums due the State Fair or entry will not be accepted. **All FFA and 4-H advance entries are also due electronically by 8:00 pm on August 10.** All 4-H and FFA entry fees are non-refundable.

**PLACEMENT:** No animal or article will be entitled to a place on the grounds until proper entry has been made. All Llama/Alpaca and Stock Dog Trial entries must be made on regulation forms, properly filled out and accompanied by all fees. Entry blanks are available on-line. The Nebraska State Fair shall reserve the right to vacate or order the removal of any entry which has been found to be entered in violation of the entry requirements.

No person, other than those in authority, will be allowed to see the entries or have access to the entry data until such time as the entries shall have been closed. 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. Unless otherwise stipulated, entries and competition are open to the public. No animal or article will be considered unless provided for in the Entry Premium Book. In the Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Llama, Alpaca, Sheep and Swine departments, all pertinent information including animal’s name and date of birth must be recorded on the entry form. All animals shown in Open Class shall have been the property of the exhibitor at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Fair and must show on the records of the breed association in which they are recorded.

**For specific 4-H/FFA ownership deadlines, please refer to the 4-H/FFA General Rules & Regulations included below.**

Original registration papers or a certificate of ownership must be available for inspection at check-in time. In case of inability to get animals recorded before the time limit, a certified copy of the animal’s pedigree on a regular breed application blank must also be available for inspection at check-in time. This certificate of application is to be signed by both parties of the transaction and must agree with breed association records. **No papers need to be faxed in.** In case of dispute as to age of an animal exhibited, its certificate of registry shall be required for evidence of its age, and its owner shall be required to file an affidavit that it is the identical animal therein described. Animals owned in partnership may be entered in all classes of the Fair in one owner’s name. The entry shall carry a footnote showing the actual ownership of the animal as it appears in the herd book records.

**12. LATE ENTRIES:** Anyone wishing to make an entry in Open class, after the August 10th closing date may do so with set late fee (see pertaining entry information for each species) up until midnight August 15. **NO OPEN CLASS LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15.** No late entries will be accepted for 4-H & FFA.

**13. SUBSTITUTIONS:** Open Class Breeding substitutions within the same age, same class and same owner will be accepted at check-in. Only one substitution for the original animal will be allowed. There will be no substitutions allowed for different age classifications or owners. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** See 4H/FFA Premium Book for Substitution Rules regarding 4H and FFA exhibitors.

**14. ERRONEOUS ENTRY:** Participants are responsible for their own entries, and those of their representatives, in preparation of entries. Animals that have been erroneously entered may be transferred, at the discretion of the Superintendent of the department, to their proper class, prior to judging, upon application to the Nebraska State Fair, who will determine the matter upon its merits.
If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened.

**15. RETURNED CHECKS:** Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment, which is returned as non-sufficient funds or for any other reason not clearing their account, will be charged a $40.00 service charge. No exhibitor will be permitted to show until the non-sufficient check has been paid. The exhibitor will have five (5) working days within which to make payment, by cash, cashier’s check or money order, in the amount of the outstanding check plus the service charge. If any check is returned after exhibitor has shown, all premiums will be held until the amount of the check plus the service charge is paid.

**16. CHECK IN PROCEDURES:** All Livestock will be checked and health certificates examined by a representative of the State Veterinary Office at the Check-In Trailer prior to any animals entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. All necessary paperwork must be in order to complete the check-in process. Prior to showing, all animals must be checked in by an authorized State Fair representative. Tattoos, ear notches and/or ear tags will be read and registration papers checked.

**17. CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS:** All cancellations for Open Class must be submitted in writing (email, fax or mail) no later than August 15. Entry fee refunds may be allowed in the case of a personal emergency for which a statement on an official letterhead from the licensed practitioner must be submitted. All letters must be submitted to the Livestock Office. No other Entry Fees will be refunded. No refunds will be given on tickets, badges or vehicle permits. Any refunds are at the discretion of the Nebraska State Fair Show Management and will be processed after the Fair. No refunds will be made on accounts of less than $5.00. Requests for refunds of any kind will not be considered if received after November 1. All 4-H and FFA entry fees are non-refundable.

**18. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All exhibitors must comply with the respective Livestock Health Requirements (see Livestock Health Requirements Section). All livestock are subject to examination, upon arrival at the check in trailer, for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and if such is found, they will not be allowed entrance onto the grounds. They will be held in quarantine and treated at owner’s expense or sent home. Diseased or injured animals may be removed from the grounds upon recommendation of attending veterinarian and release signed by the Department Superintendent and the Director of Livestock Division. Additionally, all 4H/FFA sheep/goats may be checked for club lamb fungus at any time during the fair. All market lambs and goats should be completely slick shorn, including belly, to within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at show. Wool may be left on the legs ONLY below the knees and hocks. Any decision by the State Fair inspectors is final.

**19. PREMIUMS:** Premiums for Open Class will be paid in accordance with the premium schedule listed in each individual division. Some premiums may be paid according to a sliding scale. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may enter in a show or in any one class, however, no more than two (2) premiums will be awarded per class. Where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, the judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit merits. Unworthy exhibit: judges shall not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any exhibit that is not deserving.

An individual exhibitor may enter unlimited animals in any individual class but shall not be awarded more than two (2) premiums from the individual class. Where there is but one exhibitor in a class, there will be only one premium awarded. Provided there are competing exhibitors (two or more) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded, except as noted in special department policies.
Payment of awards will be made as soon as possible after the last day of the Fair and within sixty (60) days. **NO AWARD CHECK WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FOR LESS THAN $2.00.** Any discrepancies in the amounts of premium checks must be called to our attention before November 1.

Special premiums or prizes may be listed in the Premium Book. The Nebraska State Fair will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by an individual or company, separate from the Nebraska State Fair, should that individual or company fail to provide the offered award or premium. Not all departments will award all ribbon places.

No 4-H or FFA award money or premiums will be sent to the exhibitor for market animals until they have cleared drug testing protocol, DNA verification or until harvested animal carcasses have been cleared.

It is the intention of Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any exhibit deemed unworthy by the judge, or any exhibitor who has conducted herself or himself in a manner inconsistent with the goals and values of the Fair. Such conduct may include, but not be limited to, theft of fair property, crude or crass behavior toward fair personnel, exhibitors or spectators, or other actions amounting to moral turpitude on the part of the exhibitor or otherwise inconsistent with the spirit of fair competition.

The Nebraska State Fair is required to report payments of $600 or more to the Internal Revenue Service. Any exhibitor receiving $600 or more will be required to provide the Nebraska State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 providing a taxpayer identification number. **No check will be issued until a completed W-9 form is in the livestock office.** Nebraska State Fair premium checks issued prior to December 31, 2017, that have not been cashed or deposited, will not be reissued or honored.

Effective January 2018, all Nebraska State Fair premium checks are VOID after 60 days of issuance and will not be reissued.

20. **JUDGES / JUDGING:** All judges’ decisions are final. No person shall be permitted to judge a class in which he/she may be competing for an award or have an ownership of any animal or article entered in such class. Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the Rules & Regulations of this show. 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 Management may determine and shall 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 judging arena. When there are three (3) judges making a placing, the decision of two (2) shall be conclusive.

21. **INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:** The Nebraska State Fair is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited at the Fair. Every possible precaution is taken to ensure the animals’ safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper care and treatment to animals. Abuse of animals in any form will not be tolerated. No electric prods will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. Muzzles may be allowed for sheep or goats only for the safety and well-being of the animal. State Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed in violation of the basic principles of animal husbandry, with no recourse. Animal care procedures are outlined in our “Animal Welfare Policy”.

22. **TREATMENT OF SICK MARKET ANIMALS:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the State Fairgrounds, only the Official State Fair Veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive to that sick animal. Animals which are administered treatments
having a reported withdrawal and/or elimination time period beyond the show date will be automatically disqualified from competition. Furthermore, the Official State Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with State Fair Management, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official State Fair Veterinarian it is in the best interest of the animal’s health and well-being to be treated. If the Official State Fair Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, using any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, that animal shall be determined ineligible for competition. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be subject to sanctions by the Nebraska State Fair.

23. **MARKET ANIMAL RULES/STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the following will be prohibited: the showing of unethically fitted animals, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals in violation of rules on prohibited substances.

24. **UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE, UNAPPROVED DRUG USE, APPROVED DRUG USE, DRUG TESTING:** The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to question the alteration of any animal’s physical or physiological structure.

As a condition of participation in the Nebraska State Fair, exhibitors agree to submit to State Fair, at its discretion and request, any animal so entered for examination and/or immediate drug testing. Drug tests may include, but not be limited to blood, tissue, urine and/or eyeballs. Any drug test that indicates a positive result for the presence of a substance which would constitute a “Violation” as that term is defined in Section 25 of this document “Violations and Sanctions” and Subsection R “4-H and FFA Nebraska State Fair Drug Residue, Drug Testing and Show Ethics Policy” under Additional 4-H & FFA General Rules & Regulations, shall be addressed and enforced by The Nebraska State Fair under a zero tolerance assessment. The Nebraska State Fair, in its sole discretion and judgment, shall evaluate and assess appropriate sanctions for any such Violation on a case by case basis.

**UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE:** Unethical fitting and/or prohibited substances shall be defined as: the injection, use or administration of any drug or 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, degree of firmness, color, breed, condition of age, or by making the animal appear sounder than otherwise would appear; cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter, change, or modify the shape or appearance; any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation (i.e. doctoring, doping, tubing, injecting, or lifting or filling under the skin); any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used to alter and change the conformation of an animal; the administration, use or application of any drug, feed additive, or substance affecting 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 unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, I.V.) with the exception of the drenching process; 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 and marketability of beef, sheep, swine, or goat carcasses or for deception.
Any use of artificial color (paint) or dye meant to alter or misrepresent breed characteristics and/or enhance the conformation of any swine, sheep, or goats will be prohibited. Artificial color (paint) will be allowed on cattle, but any attempt to change the original color and/or markings of the animal will be prohibited. Prohibited practices also include the use of artificial tail heads, switches, polls and hair as well as any internal or external hoof treatments or artificial substances meant to improve soundness; external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal. No clipping or hoof treatments of Market Hogs will be allowed.

**UNAPPROVED DRUG USE:** The showing of any animal that has been administered, or upon harvest or testing, shows any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication, is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or any other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for animals to be harvested, including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

**APPROVED DRUG USE:** If any animal has been administered any FDA drug approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed for the drug to clear the animal’s system so that the animal does not test positive for that drug. The showing of any animal that upon harvest or testing shows any quantity of any approved drug, is strictly prohibited. Any drug test that indicates a positive result for the presence of a substance which would constitute a “Violation” as that term is defined in Section 25 of this document “ Violations and Sanctions” and Subsection R “4-H and FFA Nebraska State Fair Drug Residue, Drug Testing and Show Ethics Policy” under Additional 4-H & FFA General Rules & Regulations, shall be addressed and enforced by The Nebraska State Fair under a zero tolerance assessment. The Nebraska State Fair, in its sole discretion and judgment, shall evaluate and assess appropriate sanctions for any such Violation on a case by case basis.

**DRUG TESTING:** Animals selected for drug testing will be tested under the terms of the Nebraska State Fair Market Animal Drug Testing Policies and Procedures. During the collection procedure, the Exhibitor and designated responsible adult must be present at all times unless a substitute exhibitor is approved by the Superintendent. Following the collection, the exhibitor AND parent/guardian/responsible adult MUST sign the Nebraska State Fair Drug Use Notification and Test Sample Collection form. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule may be subject to disqualification.

**25. VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS:** Exhibitor compliance with all applicable rules and regulations is essential to the integrity of the State Fair and its shows, programs and exhibitions. Violation of any applicable rule or regulation may result in exhibitor sanctions. Sanctions may include, but not be limited to disqualification, withholding of premium money, withholding of payment for any animal carcass, and exclusion from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair. Additionally, rule violations may be referred to law enforcement authorities when appropriate. The exhibitor will be notified of any sanction by the State Fair within 60 days of the end of the Fair. An exhibitor may appeal the findings to a committee designated by the State Fair Board. The determination of the State Fair as to any sanction shall be final, without recourse against the State Fair.

If deemed necessary by the Nebraska State Fair, an exhibitor found in violation of any show rules may be subject to have his/her name and the result of the violation submitted to the Rule Infraction Database (RID) administered by the NALSRMA. The exhibitor acknowledges that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSRMA.
The State Fair reserves the right to refuse the entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show based on rule violation or unethical practices. Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any major show or has had sanctions or disciplinary action taken against him or her, may not be eligible to make entry or compete, or having competed, may not be eligible to win a premium.

26. 4-H/FFA MARKET ANIMALS/EXHIBITORS: All 4-H and FFA Grand and Reserve Grand Champion beef, lamb, goat, and swine market animals will be tested for prohibited substances. Testing will be done immediately following the Grand Championship Drive of each species. Each exhibitor’s cooperation is required. All animals tested will be harvested and held until testing has been completed. If prohibited substances are found in the blood, urine, tissue, hide, eyeballs or carcass of animals at time of testing or following harvest, or if there is evidence of unethical fitting, sabotage and/or tampering, the exhibitor forfeits all rights and is subject to all sanctions including, but not limited to disqualification, withholding of all premium money, withholding of payment for any animal carcass and may be barred from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair. ALL OTHER MARKET ANIMALS WILL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM TESTING. Random tested animals will not be harvested but will be subject to all sanctions including, but not limited to disqualification, forfeiture of all monies, and may be barred from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair.

Drug Certification Agreement: By submitting and signing the 4H Livestock Show Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure and/or the FFA Livestock Show Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure Form, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that the entry has not been administered or that the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian do not have knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, by signing these forms, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that this entry is free and clear of ALL drug and chemical residue and all withdrawal and elimination time periods have been met. Any drug test that indicates a positive result for the presence of a substance which would constitute a “Violation” as that term is defined in Section 25 of this document “Violations and Sanctions” and Subsection R “4-H and FFA Nebraska State Fair Drug Residue, Drug Testing and Show Ethics Policy” under Additional 4-H & FFA General Rules & Regulations, shall be addressed and enforced by The Nebraska State Fair under a zero tolerance assessment. The Nebraska State Fair, in its sole discretion and judgment, shall evaluate and assess appropriate sanctions for any such Violation on a case by case basis.

27. WHOLESALE MEAT ACT: The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to ALL market livestock exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair.
   a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
   b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
   c. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal period for most approved drugs.
   d. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.
   e. The Nebraska State Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or the sale price of the animal.
   f. Wholesome Assurance Statement:
      aa. The use by non-veterinarians* of any animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law.
* Note: Abuse of the extra label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

   bb. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.

   cc. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution.

   dd. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

28. CLASSIFICATIONS: No new livestock breed classifications shall be considered for the Entry Premium Book or for competition until such livestock classification has had a bona fide national association in existence for at least five (5) years, a bona fide state association for at least three (3) years, and a guarantee of five (5) or more exhibitors to show in the proposed classification.

   Livestock classifications that have less than five (5) exhibitors and twenty (20) head exhibited for two (2) consecutive years will be placed on probation, and the state breed association will be informed in writing. If there are less than five (5) exhibitors and/or twenty (20) head are exhibited the following year, that breed will lose its classification at the Nebraska State Fair.

29. STALLS, TACK STALLS AND TIE OUTS: All “stall with” requests must be submitted online with the entry. There is no guarantee the request can or will be honored. The Nebraska State Fair Superintendents will assign stall space, as well as sheep and llama/alpaca tack stalls, within the barns at the time entry fees are paid in full. Tie spaces will be assigned by Fair Superintendents. Any tampering with other exhibitors’ stalls or tie-out stalls will not be tolerated.

*30. AEROSOLS, PRESSURIZED CANS: NO aerosol cans, paint cans, or pressurized cans of any sort will be allowed inside the Five Points Arena under any circumstances. Anyone using them will be excused from the Arena and sent back to the barn.

31. GENERATORS, BLOCKING CHUTES, TRIM CHUTES, TRIM TABLES, PORTABLE SCALES: No generators will be allowed in the barns at any time. Generators will be allowed only outside the barns and in the tie out area. All Open Class blocking chutes will require a Blocking Chute permit, which can be purchased for $35.00 on the Entry Form and must be affixed to the Chute. Trim tables and blocking/trimming chutes for Open Class exhibitors will be restricted to each individual exhibitor’s assigned stalling and tack area, not to interfere with other exhibitor’s stalling areas or aisle ways. 4-H/FFA blocking chutes, will require a permit, and will be limited. No outside portable scales will be allowed in any of the livestock barns. All portable scales in the Beef, Sheep or Swine Barns will be provided by the Nebraska State Fair.

32. FANS, EXTENSION CORDS AND ELECTRICAL DEVICES: All fans, extension cords and electrical appliances used in the livestock barns must have a ground, must have safe wiring and must be in safe working condition. All fans used in the barns must have a protective screen (front and back). Free standing fans will not be allowed. Hanging fans will only be allowed when attached to the tie rails or to supports attached to the tie rails. Only 1 fan per animal! All fans must be hung to the left of the beef animals and above the stalling area to help with air circulation. Any and all persons participating in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby acknowledge the following:

   A. The superintendent has the express authority to determine if any fan, extension cord or other electrical device complies with this rule.

   B. Should the superintendent determine that a fan, extension cord or other electrical device does not comply with this provision; the superintendent has the authority to require that the use of the fan,
B.  Such extension cord or other electrical device be immediately discontinued.
C.  Failure to comply with this provision in a timely manner shall be grounds for immediate dismissal from continued participation in the Fair and the forfeiture of all entry fees, charges, ribbons, championships and premiums awarded.
D.  Any and all persons participating in any and all events covered by this Premium Book are responsible for performing all steps necessary to assure that any fans, extension cords and other electrical devices are in good repair and free of dangerous conditions or defects.  Pursuant to the provision of this Premium Book the Fair may, but has no duty to do so, determine if any fan, extension cord or other electrical device meets these requirements established in this portion of this Premium Book.

33.  SHOW BACK NUMBERS: Each animal entered in the Nebraska State Fair Open Class Division will be assigned a number.  Those numbers will be given to each exhibitor as a back number at the time of check-in.  It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to have the correct back number displayed on their back or in a holder attached to the waist before entering the show ring.  If the back number does not correspond with the original entry on the official judge’s sheet, the result may be disqualification of that animal.  Please refer to 4-H/FFA General Rules & Regulations for specific rules.

34.  WATER: A water container, with water, must always be visible and available for watering on a regular basis in each penned/stalled area.  Nebraska State Fair Officials reserve the right, at its sole discretion, to contact a Nebraska State Fair veterinarian to determine if water should be given.  

35.  INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS: Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.  Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education.  This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition.  This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show.  In addition to the “IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics”, fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts.  Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example.  Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows.  Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1.  All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered.  Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates in the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal’s performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal’s performance or alter its natural contour, conformation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons, either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal’s condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in, or had actual knowledge of, the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

36. PROTESTS: The Nebraska State Fair will handle ALL protests. Verbal protests will be directed to the proper specie superintendent and if necessary, brought to the State Fair Livestock Superintendent. All formal protests must be submitted in writing to the State Fair Director of Livestock Division. All forms must be signed by three individuals, and be accompanied by a monetary fee of $150.00, cash or certified check. Such written protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the State Fair Livestock Superintendent immediately upon the occasion of the protest. No complaint or appeal based solely upon the statement that a judge is incompetent will be considered by Management. This complaint, along with supporting documents, will be submitted to the Director of Livestock Division and Executive Director. The report of wrongdoing will then be presented to a neutral panel appointed by the Executive Director for review. The panel shall review the form, the allegations, and the supporting documents or evidence and report its findings and proposed decision to the Director of Livestock Division and the Executive Director. At no time will any exhibition, judging event, or any other ongoing event be delayed, stopped or interrupted as a result of any allegation of wrongdoing. Where a formal protest is
to be made against the competition of an animal or article in any class, notice of same must be filed
with the Department Superintendent before the class is judged or prior to any Division or Grand
Champion Drive. Once an animal/exhibit reaches championship judging, NO protests will be
accepted. Any decision rendered by the Executive Director and Director of Livestock Division
based upon the review and proposed decision of the neutral panel shall be deemed a final decision.

37. STATE FIRE MARSHAL: By order of the State Fire Marshal, the use of flammable and
combustible grooming sprays inside the barns is strictly prohibited. These types of materials must be
used outside of the buildings only. Any and all lighting used by exhibitors must be securely
fastened.

The electrical boxes in the barns MUST always be kept clear. Also, the aisles must be maintained
at all times in the Cattle Barn. Yellow lines are painted on the floor designating these boundaries.
ALL show equipment, blocking chutes, chairs, etc., MUST be kept within these boundaries at all
times.

In addition, any use of refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, ovens and electric cookers is strictly
prohibited.

This will be enforced!

38. CONCESSIONS AND ADVERTISING PRIVILEGES: All exhibits, concessions and/or
commercial privileges are at the sole discretion of Fair Management. Under no circumstances will
any advertising material be allowed to be placed upon buildings, trees or other places on the grounds
or otherwise distributed without Management permission.

39. EXHIBITOR LIABILITY: Exhibitors of livestock must exercise due discretion in regard to
the animals they are exhibiting, whether in the ring, stall or pen and exhibitor must assume
responsibility for any damages caused by or to their animals. The exhibitor will be solely
responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or
arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the
Premium Book. Exhibitor shall indemnify the Nebraska State Fair against all legal or other
proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property,
caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited with the Fair.

40. PHOTOGRAPHS: The Nebraska State Fair will hire a photographer who will take the official
photographs for the Fair. Exhibitor must agree to present themselves and their animal(s) at the
request of show officials for official photographs. Official photographs are those that will be used
for promotional purposes or used in any official publications. Unofficial (i.e. personal) photographs
MAY NOT be published without written approval of management.

Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the Official Photographer.

As a Nebraska State Fair exhibitor, you acknowledge that your photograph may be taken by the
official Nebraska State Fair Photographer for use by the Nebraska State Fair and agree to release
and hold harmless the Nebraska State Fair Board, their officers, employees and agents and any and
all parties to whom this or any photograph may be released. This photograph will be taken for
artistic reasons or newsworthiness and you agree that it may be released to any medium and may be
used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.
ADDITIONAL 4-H & FFA GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

A. STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES: Be sure to review State Fair General Livestock Information, Rules and Regulations in addition to the following rules. Also refer to specific species rules for additional information. Exhibitors are responsible for adhering to all livestock rules. Violation of any of the stated rules may result in disqualification. Violations will be reviewed by a three (3) person committee to interpret and determine the appropriate action.

B. INTERPRETATION OF RULES: The FFA and 4-H divisions will refer to a three (3) person committee the final and absolute right to interpret, determine and settle all matters, questions and differences in regard to or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the fair.

C. ENTRY DEADLINES & REQUIREMENTS: All applications for entry must be made online at www.statefair.org. All FFA and 4-H advance entries must be made through the State Fair website by 8:00 pm on August 10. Advance entries include livestock, poultry, rabbits, and livestock contests. Entries must be accompanied by all fees and other sums due the State Fair, or entry will not be accepted. All 4-H and FFA entry fees are non-refundable.

D. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS:

4-H — Exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project they are exhibiting in the county which he/she represents. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H by July 1 of the current year. In classes where presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits and judging contests, a 4-H member must be 10 years of age before January 1 of the current year. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year in which the member becomes 19 years of age.

FFA — To exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair exhibitors must be dues paying members, meeting all local and state level membership requirements, of the school year in which the Nebraska State Fair is hosted. Membership must be submitted in the National FFA Membership System for exhibitors by local advisors no later than August 15 of the current school year to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. For additional clarification, please reference the Membership requirements page of the FFA State Fair Premium Book.

E. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS: Qualified animals for a 4-H or FFA class at the State Fair must be registered purebred or non-registered commercial breeding animals, market beef, feeder calves, market lambs, market goats, market swine and those exotic breeds of breeding beef where the respective associations issue certified papers. A breeding animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by July 1 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration paper or certificate must indicate one of the following (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family (members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household) or (3) the family or ranch name or parent's name. Copies of the registration paper or certificate must be submitted with State Fair entries; original registration papers or certificates must be presented at check-in. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE. Any animal that is disqualified from the State Fair for any reason is not eligible to be used in showmanship or any other 4-H or FFA contest while at the State Fair.

Any FFA or 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 and FFA livestock classes at the Nebraska State Fair. This includes animals offered for sale in other events at the Nebraska State Fair, when the event is
prior to the FFA and 4-H event the animal is entered in. A project animal that has been through a “premium only” auction is eligible to be exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair, provided it and its exhibitor meet all other ownership and eligibility requirements. A “premium only” auction is defined as an event in which change of ownership is never the intent; but the intent is only to provide a monetary premium to accompany the ribbon earned by the exhibit.

F. 4-H/FFA EXHIBITS: Training offered by agricultural education/FFA and Extension/4-H contribute to youth’s preparation for a future in agricultural production, agribusiness and other areas. Simultaneous participation in both programs is acceptable and encouraged if students choose to do so.

For purposes of exhibition, an animal can be nominated for the state fair in both organizations but only shown in one organization or the other, not both. Exhibitors must submit proper nomination material by the appropriate date July 1. All animals must be nominated online in Show Stock Manager by the appropriate July 1 date and deadline.

G. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS, RABBITS & POULTRY: All animals, rabbits and poultry in the FFA and 4-H Shows must be owned by the exhibitor. Ownership of animals must be certified where required on the appropriate DNA and online nomination forms in the Show Stock Manager web site. Extension offices and FFA advisors will subsequently send DNA samples to the Aksarben Stock Show office. All market animals (beef, sheep, swine & meat goats) must have a hair sample for DNA testing on file with their local Extension Office or FFA Advisor by July 1 in order to be exhibited at the State Fair. All animals must be nominated online in Show Stock Manager by the July 1, 11:59 PM CST deadline.

Additionally, after the nomination deadline, nominated animals may not be shown by any other exhibitor not listed on the nomination, where that other exhibitor is acting as the owner. Doing so shall be construed as a change of ownership and result in that animal not being eligible for state fair.

In the case of dairy animals, some lease arrangements are acceptable, but must be certified on the ownership affidavit in the State 4-H Office. Both 4-H and FFA dairy affidavits are to be sent to the State 4-H Office.

SHOWMAN SUBSTITUTIONS: An animal must be shown by the FFA or 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) or conflict with other livestock classes in a 4-H or FFA show. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another FFA or 4-H member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. A substitute exhibitor for an FFA animal can only be another FFA exhibitor at the current State Fair, and a substitute exhibitor for a 4-H animal can only be another 4-H exhibitor at the current State Fair. All substitute showmen should wear an exhibitor number identifying him/her as a substitute showman (available in the Livestock Office and/or from species superintendent).

H. PREMIUMS: Payment of awards will be made as soon as possible after the last day of the Fair and within sixty (60) days. NO AWARD CHECK WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FOR LESS THAN $2.00. Any discrepancies in the amounts of premium checks
must be called to our attention before November 1.

Special premiums or prizes may be listed in the Premium Book. The Nebraska State Fair will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by an individual or company, separate from the Nebraska State Fair, should that individual or company fail to provide the offered award or premium. Not all departments will award all ribbon places.

No 4-H or FFA award money or premiums will be sent to the exhibitor for market animals until they have cleared drug testing protocol, DNA verification or until harvested animal carcasses have been cleared.

The Nebraska State Fair is required to report payments of $600 or more to the Internal Revenue Service. Any exhibitor receiving $600 or more will be required to provide the Nebraska State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 providing a taxpayer identification number. No checks will be issued until a completed W-9 form is in the livestock office.

I. NO WITHDRAWALS: Animals selected as division champions and reserve champions cannot be withdrawn from the grand champion drive. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification and exhibitor may be barred from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair.

J. BACK TAGS: Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor will have their own unique number printed on a back tag. Exhibitors must have this number on their back while exhibiting animals.

K. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS: All youth enrolled in beef, sheep, swine, goat, dairy, rabbit or poultry projects must complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) prior to the fair. Program attendance at a registered instructor led training or completion of the appropriate YQCA online modules is required. Test out options may be available through YQCA online.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All 4H/FFA Livestock must meet the Nebraska State Fair Health Requirements. (see Health Requirements section). All livestock are subject to examination, upon arrival, for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and if such is found, they will not be allowed entrance onto the grounds. They will be held in quarantine and treated at owner’s expense or sent home. Diseased or injured animals may be removed from the grounds upon recommendation of attending veterinarian and release signed by the Department Superintendent and the Director of Livestock Division. Additionally, all 4H/FFA sheep/goats may be checked for club lamb fungus at any time during the fair. All market lambs and goats should be completely slick shorn, including belly, to within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at show. Wool may be left on the legs ONLY below the knees and hocks. Any decision by the State Fair inspectors is final.

L. GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK: Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the State Fair exhibitor; however, assistance may be provided by other State Fair 4-H or FFA exhibitors, immediate family members or another person acting in a mentoring and teaching capacity. The intent of this policy is to promote and foster positive youth development and a high-quality learning experience which are core values of 4-H and FFA.

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. These products include but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Natural Hold, Ultra White Touch-Up, Black Touch Up, Black Finisher,
black show foam, and baby powder.
3. Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesives or glue qualities, or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom, Pink Oil, white show foam, Freshen Up, Silk, and Sudden Impact. 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.

M. AEROSOLS, PRESSURIZED CANS
No aerosol cans, paint cans, or pressurized cans of any sort will be allowed inside the Five Points Arena under any circumstances. Anyone using them will be excused from the Arena and sent back to the barn.

P. BLOCKING CHUTES: 4-H / FFA blocking chutes will require a permit and be limited.

Q. DRESS CODE: When showing animals, exhibitors must wear the official State Fair FFA or 4-H T-shirt. Blue jeans are appropriate; however, refer to Department 35 for dairy dress code. Hats shall not be worn in the show ring.

R. RIGHT TO EXCUSE: The superintendent of the area and/or the show management has the right to excuse any exhibit from the Nebraska State Fair if the exhibit is not a quality exhibit.

S. ETHICS AND DISCLOSURE FORM: All livestock exhibitors must submit a signed ethics affidavit and statement of disclosure to the show superintendent for each species they are exhibiting at the time of check in. This form shall serve as an acknowledgement of having read the fair book and a willingness to abide by it. By submitting and signing the Nebraska State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that the entry has not been administered or that the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian do not have knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, by signing these forms, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that this entry is free and clear of ALL drug and chemical residue and all withdrawal and elimination time periods have been met.

T. 4-H and FFA NEBRASKA STATE FAIR DRUG RESIDUE, DRUG TESTING AND SHOW ETHICS POLICY:
1. All 4-H and FFA Grand and Reserve Grand Champion beef, lamb, goat and swine market animals will be tested for prohibited substances. Testing will be done immediately following the Grand Championship Drive of each species. Each exhibitor’s cooperation is required! All animals tested will be harvested and held until all testing has been completed. ALL OTHER MARKET ANIMALS WILL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM TESTING. Random tested animals will not be harvested but will be subject to all sanctions including, but not limited to disqualification, forfeiture of all monies, and may be barred from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair.
2. If an exhibitor chooses or needs to administer medication to an animal prior to the Nebraska State Fair, read all product labels closely to ensure that the medication does not contain an ingredient that could be considered to give
the animal a competitive advantage.

The exhibitor is further cautioned that it often takes longer than the labeled withdrawal time for complete elimination of drug residue from an animal’s system that any positive test will be considered a violation under the Nebraska State Fair zero tolerance assessment.

3. Any medications administered prior to the Nebraska State Fair must be disclosed on the Nebraska State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure and submitted during check-in.

4. Except as provided in subsection (10), all animals must arrive and remain at the State Fairgrounds free and clear of all drug and chemical residues.

5. The Nebraska State Fair operates under a zero-tolerance assessment policy for unethically fitted animals. (see item 24 – Unethical Fitting/Prohibited Substance, Unapproved Drug Use, Approved Drug Use, Drug Testing of General Livestock Rules & Regulations and item 35 – IAFF National Code of Show Ring Ethics). The Nebraska State Fair, in its sole discretion and judgment, shall evaluate and assess appropriate sanctions for any such Violation on a case by case basis.

6. The animal owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and associated participant bear absolute responsibility for an animal’s condition, whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the administration of drugs or medication or treatment of the animal.

7. The Nebraska State Fair has the right to examine and/or test any animal (deceased or living), feed, liquids, or equipment at any time. The Nebraska State Fair may sample an animal’s blood, urine, milk, saliva, and/or tissue. Any samples taken for testing become the property of the Nebraska State Fair. Samples may be collected, stored and tested in any manner the Nebraska State Fair Board deems appropriate. Positive test results may be made public.

8. The Nebraska State Fair may impound any animal for testing. Refusing such tests shall be a cause for disqualification. Any animal tested at the Nebraska State Fair is subject to being detained at the expense of the exhibitor until the Nebraska State Fair receives final test results.

9. The Nebraska State Fair may test any 4-H or FFA market animal DNA sample collected at the State Fair against the DNA submitted by the exhibitor as part of the 4-H/FFA state fair animal nomination process. DNA, nose prints, retinal scans or other animal identifications may also be tested against databases from other fairs and exhibitions. It is a violation if a DNA sample collected at the State Fair does not match the DNA sample submitted by the exhibitor as part of the 4-H/FFA state fair animal nomination process. It is also a violation if the same animal identification shows up in another fair/exhibition database under the name of a different owner/exhibitor. The Nebraska State Fair will run a sample collected at the fair by the request and expense of the exhibitor against all animals submitted by that exhibitor during the nomination in the event of a mislabeled DNA card.

10. If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the State Fairgrounds, only the Official State Fair Veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or food additive to that sick animal. Animals which are administered treatments having a reported withdrawal and/or elimination time period beyond the show date will be automatically disqualified from competition. Furthermore, the Official State Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with State Fair Management, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official State Fair Veterinarian it is in the best interest of the animal’s health and well-being to be treated. If the Official State Fair Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, using any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, that animal shall be determined ineligible for competition. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be subject to sanctions by the Nebraska State Fair.

11. Violations:

A. Drug Administration: It is a violation if any medication or drug is administered to an animal after it has arrived on the State Fairgrounds without the supervision of the Official State Fair Veterinarian.
B. Non-FDA-Approved Drugs: It is a violation if a market animal tests “positive” (not a quantitative test) for any drug that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for such type of animal. (There are certain feed additives that are approved for certain species but not for others, i.e. optiflex and paylean). However, it shall not be a violation of this subsection if the exhibitor discloses the drug specifically as follows: the exhibitor provides to the Nebraska State Fair, at check-in, the Nebraska State Fair Livestock Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure along with prescription completed by the veterinarian that properly prescribed the non-FDA-approved drug for the animal. It shall also not be a violation of this subsection if the State Fair Veterinarian prescribes a non-FDA-approved drug for an animal during the Nebraska State Fair and provides that documentation to show management. If the prescribed drug has a withdrawal time that would not be met, however, that animal would not be eligible to show.

Please be aware that federal law (21 C.F.R. § 530.41) prohibits the use of certain drugs, families of drugs, and substances for extra label animal uses. Therefore, notwithstanding the above paragraph, it is a violation, with an increased penalty, if a market animal tests “positive” (not a qualitative test) for any of these prohibited drugs or drug families. Please refer to one of the following websites for clarification:

https://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPHS/red98/appendix1c.pdf or
https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/cfrsearch.cfm?fr=530.41

C. FDA Approved Drugs (Tolerance): It is a violation if a test result indicates the presence of an approved drug, additive, or contaminant that exceeds a residue limit (tolerance) set by the FDA and applied by the FSIS.

D. Competitive Advantage (All Animals): It is a violation if a test indicates the presence of a substance, practice or other adulterant that could give an animal a competitive advantage. Competitive advantage substances include, but are not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatory drugs, tranquilizers and pain killers.

E. Unethical Fitting and Grooming Practices: It is a violation if an animal evidences air pumping or the presence of inappropriate substances to alter conformation. Similarly, it is a violation to use artificial colors or dyes meant to misrepresent breed characteristics or enhance animal conformation. Methods such as stomach pumping to induce artificial fill, performing surgical and/or non-surgical procedures to alter the animal’s configuration or the natural conformation of any part of the animal’s body, excessive needle marks, or unethical fitting are grounds for disqualification. The following generally accepted management practices are allowed: hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, drenching, and docking of tails.

F. Falsification of Entries or Records: It is a violation to falsify or alter official entries, records or registrations of animals.

G. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: It is a violation for an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and associated participant to act in any way that is outright discourteous or disrespectful to other exhibitors, judges, fair personnel or fair visitors, or to deliberately place or cause to be placed any animals or other person in a potentially harmful or disadvantageous position.

H. Approaching a Judge: It is a violation for any individual, except Nebraska State Fair personnel, to approach a judge during a show.

12. Penalties: In the event of a violation, the exhibitor may be subject to the penalties including, but not limited to the following:

1. Disqualification of the animal.
2. Forfeiture of all monetary awards including premium proceeds associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair. The exhibitor also forfeits the rights to any product resulting therefrom.
3. Return of all trophies and non-monetary awards associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
4. Forfeiture of all titles associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
5. A ban from competing in any competitive event at the Nebraska State Fair in future years.
SPECIFIC FFA RULES

1. NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECT ELIGIBILITY
   Agricultural Mechanics projects shall be the direct result of the Agricultural Mechanics instruction in Agricultural Education and constructed primarily under the supervision of the Agricultural Education instructor. The student entering the project will have had at least 75% of the construction responsible for the project.

   All Crops entries shall be a part of the FFA member’s Supervised Agricultural Experience Program with wheat and oats harvested in current year and shelled corn, commercial milo (sorghum) and soybeans harvested preceding fall, and other crops harvested in the most recent harvest year.

   All livestock, crop, range boards, and agricultural mechanics entries shall be certified by the Agricultural Education Instructor.

   Exhibitors who fail to comply with any of the show rules and/or regulations are subject to disciplinary action by the Nebraska State Fair FFA Superintendent Committee. Disciplinary action could involve immediate dismissal and/or long-term ineligibility.

2. ENTRY FEES (Same as 4-H)

   Breeding Beef       $45.00
   Market Beef         $45.00
   Dairy               $45.00
   Market Sheep        $25.00
   Breeding Sheep      $25.00
   Market Meat Goat    $25.00
   Breeding Meat Goat  $25.00
   Market Swine        $25.00
   Breeding Swine      $25.00

   Entry fees for Ag mechanics and crops are $2.50 per exhibit; horticulture and apiculture $2.50 per exhibit.

   These fees must be paid online through the ShoWorks system at the time of entering. All FFA chapters with students exhibiting at the state fair must submit a $25 administrative fee. Invoices will be to all chapters following the fair in September. Checks should be made payable to the Nebraska FFA Association.

3. RIBBONS AND PREMIUMS AWARDED

   All FFA terminal champions are awarded additional premium money, paid at the same level as 4-H terminal champions.

   The FFA General Superintendent reserves the right to prorate the award listings for each FFA Division. All complaints, errors, or omissions must be filed to the FFA General Superintendent by October 31 of the same fair year. All sponsorships for FFA awards will be collected and deposited in the Nebraska FFA Foundation treasury in order to be printed in the sponsorship booklet. Any sponsorship(s) awarded privately and not collected by the Nebraska FFA Foundation are not the responsibility of the Nebraska FFA Association and will not be printed in the FFA sponsorship booklet.
4. NUMBER OF ENTRIES
Each eligible FFA exhibitor will be permitted to show a maximum of 6 beef animals total but no more than 2 market animals, 3 breeding animals and 3 feeder calves, dairy animals (refer to Department 35 - Youth Dairy Show), 4 market swine, 2 breeding gilts, 3 market lambs, 4 breeding sheep, 3 market goats and 4 breeding goats. Each eligible FFA exhibitor will be permitted to enter 1 grain entry, per crop area; 1 range board; 2 Agricultural Mechanics entries per class. Refer to the Horticulture and Apiculture section for number of entries.

5. HERDSMANSHP
Clean, organized and orderly exhibits are an important part of the state fair. While we will no longer have a competitive herdsmanship contest, this emphasis on cleanliness and organization will remain a part of the Nebraska State Fair FFA Division.

6. FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
The fitting and showmanship contest will be open to any bona fide FFA exhibitor of dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goats. Each contest will be held at the time posted. There will be six classes beginning with out of school, followed by seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshman and junior high. Each species superintendent may sub-divide the class if numbers warrant. Fitting of livestock should be done by the exhibitor, but assistance may be provide by other exhibitors, family members, etc.

Livestock exhibited in the showmanship classes must be owned and entered by the showmanship exhibitor. Exhibitors not adhering to this rule may be disqualified from the showmanship competition. Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons, if earned, will be presented to exhibitors participating. Other awards will be given as warranted by sponsorships provided.

A Grand Champion Showman is ineligible to compete again in the fitting and showmanship contest in the same enterprise (division).

Showmanship Divisions: Out of School, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen, and Junior High except for dairy (refer Dept 35). Divisions will be split into classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.

For the 2020 Nebraska State Fair, FFA will allow fitting, including glues and adhesives in livestock.
FFA State Fair Membership Verification and Eligibility

To exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair exhibitors must be dues paying members, meeting all local and state level membership requirements, of the school year in which the Nebraska State Fair is hosted. Membership must be submitted in the National FFA Membership System for exhibitors by local advisors no later than August 15th of the current school year to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. A member may maintain their membership for three years after high school graduation.

Example: To exhibit at the 2020 Nebraska State Fair, exhibitors must be registered by their local advisor as dues paying members, meeting all local and state level membership requirements, in the National FFA Membership System during the period of August 1-15, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year. A student must have graduated in 2018 or later to be eligible for the 2020 State Fair.

State Staff will verify membership of all 7th grade, 8th grade and out of school exhibitors in the National FFA Membership System and will perform random checks of verification for high school and out of school level exhibitor’s membership.

Additionally, following the August 10th State Fair registration deadline, advisors will receive a notification via email to sign-off confirm all students registered from the chapter which they serve as advisor for, are eligible to exhibit at the state fair by meeting all local and state requirements to do so.
BREEDING LIVESTOCK AGE BREAKS

DAIRY CATTLE
REFER TO DEPARTMENT 35 – Youth Dairy Show

BEEF CATTLE

BULLS
Jan thru April 2020
Nov thru Dec 2019
Sept thru Oct 2019
July thru Aug 2019
May thru June 2019
Mar thru April 2019
Jan thru Feb 2019

HEIFERS
Jan thru April 2020
Nov thru Dec 2019
Sept thru Oct 2019
July thru Aug 2019
May thru June 2019
Mar thru April 2019
Jan thru Feb 2019
July thru Dec 2018
Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/20)

SHEEP

EWES
Lamb (dropped after 9/30/19)
Yearling (1/1/19 – 9/30/19)
Ewe (dropped before 1/1/19)

RAMS
Lamb (dropped after 9/30/19)
Yearling (1/1/19 – 9/30/19)

GOATS

Kid (dropped after 9/30/19)
Yearling (1/1/19 – 9/30/19)
Doe (dropped before 1/1/19)
LOT 2 – BEEF CATTLE

Animals in each class will be placed on the purple, blue, red, and white ribbon group basis. Top animals will be placed on a 1-2 basis and will compete for championship, if deemed worthy by the judge.

All beef animals must have a completed BVD test prior to arrival at the fair as mandated by the state veterinary.

A student may show no more than 6 beef animals with no more than 2 market beef, 3 breeding beef and 3 feeder calves.

For the 2020 State Fair, the FFA division will allow fitting of cattle, including the use of adhesives. Fitting chutes will still require a permit and must be purchased during entry time through ShoWorks.

Beef shows including Showmanship, Market Beef and Breeding Beef 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. Beef 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. These products include, but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Ultra White Touch Up, Black Touch Up, Black Finisher and black show foam.
3. Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesive or glue qualities, or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom and white show foam.
4. 4-H/FFA beef blocking chutes, which will require a permit, will be limited and there will be a designated area for these blocking chutes.

BREEDING BEEF

REGISTERED—An exhibitor must have proper registration papers and entry form cleared with the FFA Breeding Beef Supt before any animal will be shown. Registered beef animals must be entered by tattoo number online. Registration papers, entry forms, and ear tattoos will be checked and verified at check-in time. Cow/Calf pairs can be shown as a pair; the calf may also be shown as a Junior Breeding Animal, either Heifers or Bulls. Cow/calf pairs will be allowed to show as Feeder Calves, either heifers or steers. However, the same calf may not be shown as both a breeding animal.
and feeder calf. A separate entry form must accompany feeder calf and junior breeding calf animals. Entries must be listed both ways and entry fees in accordance with the entries. During check in, the calf must also be checked in separately as a breeding animal or weighed in separately as a feeder calf.

Bulls shall be shown with a nose lead. Bulls shall be tied in the stall with a neck halter at all times. Non-registered bulls will be shown in the “All Other Breeds” Division.

The following is a premium listing only—It is not the order of show.

The Nebraska FFA Show offers the following list of breeds for competition. However, there must be at least three entries in a specific age or breed to be its own class in the show. Any breed that does not have three entries will be shown in the Other Breeds category:

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BREEDING BEEF SHOW ORDER
The breeding beef show order will be alphabetical and oldest to youngest each year. Breeds are as follows: Angus, Braunvieh, Charolais, Composite Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Balancer, Horned and Polled Hereford, Limousin, Limflex, Maine Anjou, Maintainers, Miniatures, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Foundation Simmental, All Other Breeds and Commercial.

The Nebraska FFA Show offers the previous list of breeds for competition. However, there must be at least three entries in a specific age or breed to be its own class in the show. Any breed that does not have three entries will be shown in the Other Breeds category.

COMMERCIAL -- Commercial heifers will be shown separately from registered animals. Commercial heifers are to be identified by tattoo or EID ear tag and that tattoo or ear tag number entered online. All animals must be checked in during check-in time.

COMMERCIAL (Heifers)
2300  Jan thru April 2020
2301  Nov thru Dec 2019
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MARKET BEEF
THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR IS A TERMINAL SHOW FOR THE GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET BEEF ONLY.
There will not be an option to send any other beef animals to market at the fair. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals will be drug tested and DNA checked after the selection.

An EID tag and DNA collection must be completed on or before July 1. Completed DNA collector envelopes must be mailed to AKSARBEN. All additional animal and exhibitor information must be complete in the Show Stock Manager database available at www.showstockmgr.com

The market beef show will consist of four divisions: Market Heifers, Division 1 Market Steers, Division 2 Market Steers and Division 3 Market Steers. All four division champions will then compete for champion and reserve champion overall.

In order to simplify market beef substitutions at the Nebraska State Fair, FFA Advisors or families will send in a bank of market beef nominations by July 1 with DNA samples collected and EID tag information completed to AKSARBEN, where it will be uploaded into ShoWorks. Any animal nominated for the State Fair by the July 1 deadline and that is not being shown in 4-H at the current state fair would be eligible to substitute for market beef entered at registration for the
Nebraska State Fair. If an animal is not listed in ShoWorks because proper validation and nomination procedures were not followed, this animal would not be eligible to show.

All market cattle and feeder cattle will use weigh cards instead the traditional weigh-in process. In using weigh cards, exhibitors and families will be responsible for weighing their own animals, whether at home or on the check scales provided at the fair. Exhibitors will then declare the weights on the cards and turn them in to the FFA beef staff.

FFA weigh cards will be printed based on the pre-entries and available in the exhibitor packets in the Livestock Check-In Trailer along with exhibitor gate passes, etc. In the event of a substitution from an animal that was pre-entered, FFA staff will have substitution cards available at the check-in table west of the show arena to be picked up during the same hours that they are collecting cards on Friday and Saturday.

Weigh cards must be turned in no later than 9:00 a.m. on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. A certain number of cattle in each class will be weighed on show day to verify weight. FFA will allow a 50 pound variance in market cattle and 25 pound variance in feeder cattle from the declared weight to the actual weight on show day to account for scale differences. Any calf that exceeds the weight allowance will be lowered a ribbon placing and ineligible to compete for additional championships.

During check-in, all market beef will submit to verification of identification numbers (approved EID ear tags). All weigh cards must be turned in on time.

2400 - Market Beef

**CARCASS CONTEST**

FFA will not offer a carcass contest at the state fair.

**FEEDER CALVES**

Feeder Calves born between Jan. 1 and May 31 may be shown.

All feeder calves must have an EID tag and information submitted into the Show Stock Manager at [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com) by July 1.

During check-in, all feeder calves will submit to verification of identified numbers (approved EID ear tag) and turn in their weigh cards.

The Feeder Steers and Heifers will be divided into classes by weight. The number of classes will be determined by the number of entries. Steers and heifers will show separately. There will be no breakout by breeds. No bulls may be shown. Any calf whose show day weight exceeds the weight declared on the card by more than 25 pounds will be lowered a ribbon placing.

**Feeder heifers will show before feeder steers.**

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BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
Refer to FFA Specific Rules.

2901 Out of School Showmanship
2902 Senior Showmanship
2903 Junior Showmanship
2904 Sophomore Showmanship
2905 Freshman Showmanship
2906 Junior High Showmanship
LOT 3 - SWINE

A student may show no more than 4 market swine and 2 breeding swine.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP
Refer to FFA Specific Rules.

MARKET SWINE

All exhibitors MUST be certified in the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) program through their FFA advisors or extension educators.

Animals in each market class will be placed on the purple, blue, red, and white ribbon group basis. Top animals will be placed on a 1-2 basis and top animals will be asked back to compete for championship.

THE MARKET SWINE SHOW IS NON-TERMINAL EXCEPT FOR THE OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION. ALL OTHER ANIMALS MAY SELL ON AN OPTIONAL BASIS.

EACH EXHIBITOR IS ALLOWED ONE PEN FOR 2 ANIMALS. TACK PENS WILL BE BASED ON AVAILABILITY AND DETERMINED BY THE SWINE SUPERINTENDENT.

In order to simplify swine substitutions at the Nebraska State Fair, exhibitors will send in a bank of hog nominations due July 1 with an EID tag and DNA collection envelope to their FFA advisor or extension office who will then submit them to AKSARBEN. All animal information and exhibitor information must also be completed in the Show Stock Manager found at www.showstockmgr.com by July 1. Any animal nominated for the State Fair by the June 15 deadline and that is not being shown in 4-H at the current state fair would be eligible to substitute for market hog entered at registration for the Nebraska State Fair. If an animal is not listed in ShoWorks because proper validation and nomination procedures were not followed, this animal would not be eligible to show.

Any purebred swine not having a pedigree or properly ear notched/tagged will be ineligible for the purebred show but will be eligible to show in the crossbred market swine division. This will include registration papers with the name of owner, breed of sire, and dam, sex, and EID/ear notch number.

In compliance with the state fair health check-in, all swine will be verified for EID ear tag identification against those listed on the health certificate.

Any market swine weighing less than 230 lbs. will be permitted to show for a ribbon, but shall not be eligible for cash awards or championship. There is no upper weight limit for market swine.

All swine shows at the fair will use weigh cards instead of the traditional weigh in process. In using weigh cards, exhibitors and families will be responsible for weighing their own animals, whether at home or on the check scales provided at the fair. Exhibitors will then declare the weights on the cards and turn them in to the FFA swine staff.

FFA will use weigh cards for both market hogs and breeding gilts. FFA weigh cards will be printed based on the pre-entries and available in the exhibitor packets in the Livestock Check-In.
Trailer along with exhibitor gate passes, etc. In the event of a substitution from an animal that was pre-entered, FFA staff will have substitution cards available in the swine office to be picked up during the same hours that they are collecting cards on Friday and Saturday.

Weigh cards must be turned in no later than 9:30 a.m. on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. A certain number of hogs in each class will be weighed on show day to verify weight. FFA will allow a 10 pound variance from the declared weight to the actual weight on show day to account for scale differences. Any hog that exceeds the 10 pound weight allowance will be lowered a ribbon placing and ineligible to compete for additional championships.

In both market and breeding shows, purebred classes will be determined by breed, and crossbred classes will be determined by weight. Once determined, classes will be posted showing owner of animals and class in which they are to be shown.

No oil or powder of any kind shall be applied to the hogs for exhibiting in the market show or showmanship.

Four (4) market swine may be shown by each exhibitor. Exhibitors should be present at the time of weighing and marking (tattooing).

Optional sale market price for the FFA swine will be based on the grade-yield price being paid by the packer/buyer on Tuesday after the FFA portion of the State Fair.

PUREBRED MARKET SWINE

REGISTERED—An exhibitor must have proper registration papers and entry form cleared with the FFA Swine Superintendent before any animal will be shown in the purebred division. Registration papers, entry forms, and EID tags/ear notches will be checked and verified at check-in time. Any animal not meeting purebred requirements will be shown in the crossbred division.

3001  Duroc, Gilt  
3002  Duroc, Barrows

3101  Hampshire, Gilts  
3102  Hampshire, Barrows

3201  Spotted Swine, Gilts  
3202  Spotted Swine, Barrows

3301  Yorkshire, Gilts  
3302  Yorkshire, Barrows

3401  Poland China, Gilts  
3402  Poland China, Barrows

3501  Chester White, Gilts  
3502  Chester White, Barrows

3601  Berkshire, Gilts  
3602  Berkshire, Barrows

3701  Hereford, Gilts  
3702  Hereford, Barrows

3801 Other Breeds, Gilts  
3802 Other Breeds, Barrows

CROSSBRED MARKET SWINE

3801  Crossbreds, Gilts  
3802  Crossbreds, Barrows
FOLLOWING THE SELECTION OF THE CHAMPION AND RESERVE GILT AND BARROW, A CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION OVERALL MARKET HOG WILL BE SELECTED FROM THOSE FOUR ANIMALS.

**CARCASS CONTEST**

FFA will not offer a carcass contest scan at the State Fair.

All complaints, errors or omissions must be filed to Ryan Hassebrook, FFA Superintendent (402-641-0483) or DJ Mottl, FFA Swine Show Superintendent (402-366-2275) by September 30 of the same fair year.

**BREEDING GILTS**

All exhibitors MUST be certified in the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) program through their FFA advisors or extension educators.

Animals in each breeding class will be placed on the purple, blue and red ribbon group basis. Top animals will be placed on a 1-2 basis and top animals will be asked back to compete for championships.

**EACH EXHIBITOR IS ALLOWED ONE (1) PEN FOR EVERY 2 ANIMALS. TACK PENS WILL BE BASED ON AVAILABILITY AND DETERMINED BY THE SWINE SUPERINTENDENT.**

In order to simplify swine substitutions at the Nebraska State Fair, exhibitors will send in a bank of breeding gilt nominations due July 1 with an EID tag and information submitted on the Show Stock Manager database at www.showstockmanager.com. Any animal nominated for the State Fair by the July 1 deadline and that is not being shown in 4-H at the current state fair would be eligible to substitute for breeding gilts entered at registration for the Nebraska State Fair. If an animal is not listed in ShoWorks because proper validation and nomination procedures were not followed, this animal would not be eligible to show.

Gilts may be nominated as both market and breeding, and gilts nominated only in market would also be eligible to substitute into breeding; however, breeding gilts shown in the Breeding Gilt Show are not eligible to show in the Market Swine Show and will be identified with a permanent marking to identify them as a breeding gilt. Breeding gilts are not eligible for slaughter. Any gilt shown in the Market Gilt Show would also not be eligible for the breeding gilt show.

Any purebred swine not having a pedigree or properly ear notched/tagged will be ineligible for the purebred show but will be eligible to show in the crossbred market swine division. This will include registration papers with the name of owner, breed of sire, and dam, sex, and EID/ear notch number.

In compliance with the state fair health check-in, all swine will be verified for EID ear tag identification against those listed on the health certificate.
Like the market hogs, all gilts will be shown by weight as declared by exhibitors on weigh cards. FFA weigh cards will be printed based on the pre-entries and available in the exhibitor packets in the Livestock Check-In Trailer along with exhibitor gate passes, etc. In the event of a substitution from an animal that was pre-entered, FFA staff will have substitution cards available in the swine office to be picked up during the same hours that they are collecting cards on Friday and Saturday.

Weigh cards must be turned in no later than 9:30 a.m. on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. A certain number of hogs in each class will be weighed on show day to verify weight. FFA will allow a 10 pound variance from the declared weight to the actual weight on show day to account for scale differences. Any hog that exceeds the 10 pound weight allowance will be lowered a ribbon placing and ineligible to compete for additional championships.

Breeding classes will be determined by breed and the number of entries for that breed checked in for exhibiting. Once determined, classes will be posted showing owner of animals and class in which they are to be shown.

No oil or powder of any kind shall be applied to the hogs for exhibiting in the market show or showmanship.

Two (2) breeding gilts may be shown by each exhibitor. Exhibitors should be present at the time of check-in.

Breeding gilts must be born after December 1st of the prior year.

PUREBRED BREEDING GILTS

REGISTERED--An exhibitor must have proper registration papers and entry form cleared with the FFA Swine Superintendent before any animal will be shown in the purebred division. Registration papers, entry forms, and ear notches/tags will be checked and verified at check-in time. Any animal not meeting purebred requirements will be shown in the crossbred gilt class.

3601 Purebred Duroc Gilts
3602 Purebred Hampshire Gilts
3603 Purebred Spotted Gilts
3604 Purebred Yorkshire Gilts
3605 Purebred Poland China Gilts
3606 Purebred Chester White Gilts
3607 Purebred Berkshire Gilts
3608 Purebred Hereford Gilts
3609 Purebred Other Gilts

CROSSBRED BREEDING GILTS

3700 Crossbred Gilts
SWINE SHOWMANSHIP
  Refer to general rules for specifics
3801 Out of School Showmanship
3802 Senior Showmanship
3803 Junior Showmanship
3804 Sophomore Showmanship
3805 Freshman Showmanship
3806 Junior High Showmanship
LOT 4 – SHEEP

Exhibitors may show no more than 3 market lambs and 4 breeding sheep. Scrapie tags must be in all sheep.

In order to simplify sheep substitutions at the Nebraska State Fair, exhibitors will send in a bank of sheep nominations due July 1 with a Scrapie tag and DNA collection envelope to their FFA advisor or extension office who will then submit them to AKSARBEN. All animal information and additional exhibitor information must also be submitted into the Show Stock Manager found at www.showstockmgr.com Any animal nominated for the State Fair by the July 1 deadline and that is not being shown in 4-H at the current state fair would be eligible to substitute for market lambs entered at registration for the Nebraska State Fair. If an animal is not listed in ShoWorks because proper validation and nomination procedures were not followed, this animal would not be eligible to show.

A ewe lamb may be identified as both a market and breeding ewe and a ewe only identified as market in the show stock manager with a DNA envelope would still be eligible for breeding; however, a ewe lamb shown as a breeding ewe at the State Fair would not be eligible for the market class and vice versa.

All sheep and meat goats exhibited (except breeding sheep shown “in the wool”) should be shorn to no greater than 1/8” prior to being examined by a veterinarian. A health paper must be issued within ten (10) days of exhibition. FFA sheep will be checked for club lamb fungus at time of check in/weigh in. Any lamb exhibiting symptoms of club lamb fungus will not be allowed to show and will be quarantined. All market lambs must be completely slick shorn to within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at show. Wool may be left on the legs only below the knees and hocks.

All sheep shows at the fair will use weigh cards instead the traditional weigh in process. In using weigh cards, exhibitors and families will be responsible for weighing their own animals, whether at home or on the check scales provided at the fair. Exhibitors will then declare the weights on the cards and turn them in to the FFA sheep staff.

FFA will use weigh cards for both market lambs and commercial breeding ewe lambs. FFA weigh cards will be printed based on the pre-entries and available in the exhibitor packets in the Livestock Check-In Trailer along with exhibitor gate passes, etc. In the event of a substitution from an animal that was pre-entered, FFA staff will have substitution cards available at the sheep check in table to be picked up during the same hours that they are collecting cards on Saturday.

Weigh cards must be turned in no later than 3:30 p.m. on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. A certain number of lambs in each class will be weighed on show day to verify weight. FFA will allow a 5 pound variance from the declared weight to the actual weight on show day to account for scale differences. Any lamb that exceeds the 5 pound weight allowance will be lowered a ribbon placing and ineligible to compete for additional championships.

BREEDING SHEEP

Animals in each class will be placed on the purple, blue & red ribbon group basis. Top animals will be placed on a 1-2 basis and top animals will be asked back in order to compete for championship.

All yearlings and lambs will be subject to mouthing. Lambs must show eight (8) lamb teeth only. Breeding sheep may show with wool.
REGISTERED SHEEP

An exhibitor must have proper registration papers and entry form cleared with the FFA Sheep Superintendent before any animal may be shown. Breeding Sheep registration papers, entry forms, and ear tags will be checked and verified at check-in, in the Sheep Show Area.

Flock: Two females and 1 ram. All must be of the same breed. An exhibitor may only register four breeding animals for the fair. The flock registration must also be filled out in ShoWorks but will not count against the exhibitor as one of their four spots.

Dorset Ewes will have a Fall Lamb Class

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COMMERCIAL EWES
Non-registered (commercial) ewes will be shown separately from registered animals. Commercial ewe lambs will be shown in classes based on weight.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING EWES
4001 Lamb
4002 Yearling
4003 Ewe
4004 Flock

Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe - Rosette.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING RAMS
4701 Lamb
4702 Yearling

MARKET LAMB SHOW
THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR IS A TERMINAL SHOW FOR THE GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET LAMBS ONLY. ALL OTHER MARKET LAMBS CAN BE SOLD ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS BY FFA MEMBERS.

All sheep and meat goats exhibited (except breeding sheep shown “in the wool”) must be shorn to no greater than 1/8” prior to being examined by a veterinarian. A health paper must be issued within ten (10) days of exhibition. FFA sheep will be checked for club lamb fungus at time of check in/weigh in. Any lamb exhibiting symptoms of club lamb fungus will not be allowed to show and will be quarantined. All market lambs must be completely slick shorn to within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at show. Wool may be left on the legs only below the knees and hocks.

Market lambs to be exhibited should be weighed prior to bringing to the Fair to be assured of being within weight requirements, minimum 105 lbs. Once the official weight has been recorded, no exhibitor shall be allowed to reweigh the animal. Any market lamb weighing less than 105 lbs. will NOT be eligible for a purple ribbon.

During check-in, all market lambs will be submitted to verification of identification numbers (approved Scrapie ear tags), age, and weighing after verification is established at the scales. A market lamb must show eight (8) lamb teeth only. Animals not properly verified will not be eligible to show.

Market classes will be determined after weigh cards are turned in. Once determined, classes will be posted on the bulletin board showing owner of animals and the class in which they are to be shown.

Late castrate, cryptorchids, or bucky appearing males will not be allowed to show.

4700 Market Lambs

CARCASS CONTEST

FFA will not offer a scanned carcass contest at the state fair.
SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP
   Refer to general rules for specifics

4801 Out of School Showmanship
4802 Senior Showmanship
4803 Junior Showmanship
4804 Sophomore Showmanship
4805 Freshman Showmanship
4806 Junior High Showmanship
LOT 5-GOATS

MARKET GOATS

THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR IS A TERMINAL SHOW FOR THE GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET GOATS ONLY. ALL OTHER MARKET GOATS CAN BE SOLD ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS BY FFA MEMBERS.

Market goats may be doe or wether kids. Short scrotum, cryptorchid, and buck kids are not eligible. All market goats must have a weigh card and will be divided into classes based on total numbers and weight range. Does and wethers will show together.

During check-in, all market goats will be submitted to a verification of Scrapie ear tag number and weight declared by the exhibitor on a weigh card. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds at check in. Goats under 50 pounds are eligible to show in a pre-market class. They are not eligible to place purple in the class they show in and therefore are not eligible for Grand Champion or Reserve Champion. This animal will receive a blue or below.

An FFA member may exhibit three (3) meat goats. 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. All sheep and meat goats exhibited (except breeding sheep shown “in the wool”) must be shorn to no greater than 1/8” prior to being examined by a veterinarian. FFA goats will be checked fungus at time of check in/weigh in. Any lamb exhibiting symptoms of club lamb fungus will not be allowed to show and will be quarantined. A health paper must be issued within ten (10) days of exhibition. Goats must have horns blunted; however, dehorning is acceptable and preferred. **Goats must be shown with smooth neck chains or smooth collars only.**

The FFA division of the Nebraska State Fair is implementing the following rule in an effort to prevent the spread of fungus. All meat goats must be accompanied by appropriate health certificates. Health papers must be presented at check in. Initial shearing or close clipping of goats should be done prior to acquiring health papers to aid in the detection of fungus problems that could cause disqualification. Health certificates for goats should be issued within 10 days of exhibition.

In order to simplify goat substitutions at the Nebraska State Fair, exhibitors will send in a bank of goat nominations due July 1 with a Scrapie tag and DNA collection envelope to their FFA advisor or extension office who will then submit them to AKSARBEN. Animal information and additional exhibitor information must also be submitted in the Show Stock Manager available at [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com). Any animal nominated for the State Fair by the July 1 deadline and that is not being shown in 4-H at the current state fair would be eligible to substitute for market goats entered at registration for the Nebraska State Fair. If an animal is not listed in ShoWorks because proper validation and nomination procedures were not followed, this animal would not be eligible to show.

A doe kid may be identified as both a market and breeding doe and a doe only identified as market in the show stock manager with a DNA envelope would still be eligible for breeding; however, a doe kid shown as a breeding doe at the State Fair would not be eligible for the market class and vice versa.

All goat shows at the fair will use weigh cards instead the traditional weigh in process. In using weigh cards, exhibitors and families will be responsible for weighing their own animals, whether at home or on the check scales provided at the fair. Exhibitors will then declare the weights on the cards and turn them in to the FFA goat staff.
FFA will use weigh cards for both market goats and commercial breeding doe kids. FFA weigh cards will be printed based on the pre-entries and available in the exhibitor packets in the Livestock Check-In Trailer along with exhibitor gate passes, etc. In the event of a substitution from an animal that was pre-entered, FFA staff will have substitution cards available at the goat check in table to be picked up during the same hours that they are collecting cards on Saturday.

Weigh cards must be turned in no later than 12:30 p.m. on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. A certain number of goats in each class will be weighed on show day to verify weight. FFA will allow a 4 pound variance from the declared weight to the actual weight on show day to account for scale differences. Any goat that exceeds the 4 pound weight allowance will be lowered a ribbon placing and ineligible to compete for additional championships.

5100  Market Goats (wethers and does)

CARCASS CONTEST
FFA will not offer a scanned carcass contest at the State Fair.

BREEDING GOATS
Animals in each class will be placed on the purple, blue & red ribbon group basis. Top animals will be placed on a 1-2 basis and the top animals will be invited back to compete for championships.

All yearlings and kids could be subject to mouthing. Kids must show eight (8) kid teeth only.

REGISTERED Goats
An exhibitor must have proper registration papers and entry form cleared with the FFA Goat Superintendent before any animal may be shown. Breeding goat registration papers, entry forms, and ear tags will be checked and verified at check-in.

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COMMERCIAL DOES
Non-registered (commercial) Does will be shown separately from registered animals. An exhibitor must have the entry form cleared with the FFA Goat Superintendent before any animal may be shown. Commercial doe entry forms and Scrapie ear tags will be checked and verified at check-in.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING DOES
5301 Kid
5302 Yearling
5303 Does
GOAT SHOWMANSHIP
   Refer to general rules.

5401 Out of School Showmanship
5402 Senior Showmanship
5403 Junior Showmanship
5404 Sophomore Showmanship
5405 Freshman Showmanship
5406 Junior High Showmanship
LOT 6 - AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Projects entered shall be the direct result of Agricultural Mechanics instruction in Ag-Ed and constructed primarily under the supervision of the Ag-Ed instructor. The student entering the project will have had at least 75% of the construction responsibility for the project.

Each item will be NEATLY tagged using the official FFA Agricultural Mechanics entry card. The name of the article, classification, the student's name, age, and grade level at time of construction, name of school, and cost of construction shall be completed at the time of entry. All other tags and stickers (county level) should be removed. The superintendent shall make final determination of class for each entry.

Household/industrial arts items are not eligible to exhibit, i.e. gun racks, desks, magazine racks, computer tables, etc. Items that appear to be craft items or industrial technology will not be permitted to show; show management has decision-making authority in this area. Small items receiving white ribbons may be removed if space is limited.

Each student may exhibit only 2 items in each class.

The power unit should be included on all power driven equipment during the judging, but must be adjusted so it will not function thereafter, for the safety of the public.

Must be in and release schedule will be followed as printed in the Nebraska State Fair FFA Schedule. All exhibits must be removed by Labor Day, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Exhibits will be evaluated on the following basis:

**Construction**
- soundness of joints and attachments,
- neatness of cuts ................................................................. 40 points

**Utility**
- functional design, ease of use,
- portability or storability .......................................................... 40 points

**Workmanship**
- attention to detail and neatness;
- should not effect immediate function ........................................ 20 points

Division Champion - Trophy & Rosette, Division Reserve Champion - Rosette.
Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Agricultural Mechanics - Trophy (no cash awards).

**UTILITY**
- To include items/tools used in or about the Ag Mechanics facility.
  6000 LARGE ITEMS -- (wagons, trailers)
  6010 MEDIUM ITEMS -- (carts, welding tables, presses, engine hoists, engine stands)
  6020 SMALL ITEMS -- (splash blocks, tool boxes, foot scrapers, stools, car ramps, jack stands)

**PRODUCTION**
- To include items/tools used in crop or livestock production.
  6100 LARGE ITEMS -- (loading chute, bale carrier, hog carrier)
  6110 MEDIUM ITEMS -- (stock panels, sheep blocker)
  6120 SMALL ITEMS -- (post driver, post puller, troughs)
POWER
To include items/tools which incorporate an electric, hydraulic, and/or fuel motor as a power source to perform a function. (Equipment must be prepared for display in the power category.)
6200 LARGE ITEMS -- (large sprayers) 
6210 MEDIUM ITEMS -- (log splitter) 
6220 SMALL ITEMS -- (small sprayer)

HORTICULTURE
To include items/tools used around the lawn/garden for recreation or improvement purposes.
6300 LARGE ITEMS -- (grills, smokers, planters, mini-sprayers) 
6310 MEDIUM ITEMS -- (picnic tables, patio seats, patio table) 
6320 SMALL ITEMS -- (plant stands, planter boxes, signs)

REFURBISHING
6400 – LARGE REFURBISHING (tractors)
6410 – MEDIUM REFURBISHING (lawn mowers, tillers, power garden items)
6420 – SMALL REFURBISING (antique farm tools)
A restoration of an item/tool which has current benefit to one of the previous categories. The following must 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.
Approximate Award Amounts: Awards same as previous categories based on size classification as determined by Agricultural Mechanics Superintendent.

DISPLAY BOARDS
A display board shall be items completed by FFA members between the close of the last state fair and the end of school prior to the current state fair.
Each display board shall be 18" x 24" x 3/8".
Welding boards shall identify: 1) kind of weld; 2) position; 3) amperage; 4) electrode size; 5) AWS number; and 6) thickness or dimension of metal.
A total of 8 welds is recommended for welding boards. They are:
- Flat position
- Horiz. position
- Vert. position
- Butt,( Lap Horiz.)plates flat
- Butt, Lap, T-fillet
- Butt, Lap, T-fillet
Welds shall be attached so all sides are available for evaluation. Judges will deduct points if welds are mounted solid. No specific welds are required; however, welds must differ from one another by at least position, electrode size, AWS number, thickness or dimension of metal, or kind of weld. See the FFA State Fair Welding Board Rubric for additional criteria.
6500 -- ARC
6510 -- MIG
6515 -- TIG
6520 -- Gas Welding/Brazing
6540 -- Electrical - Must include at least 1 switch, 2 types of splices, 1 light fixture or receptacle.
6550 -- PLUMBING - Must use 3 types of pipe, (copper, plastic & steel); soldering, flare fitting, glued joint, & a steel threaded joint are required.
6560 -- Advanced Electrical or Plumbing -- contains controls, values, timers, motors, etc.
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LOT 7 -- CROPS AND RANGE BOARDS

CROPS

PLACING WILL BE ON THE PURPLE, BLUE, RED, AND WHITE GROUP BASIS.
Grain should be entered in a 4-quart plastic ice cream bucket with lid (or suitable substitute).
Each sample of grain shall be 2 quarts.
The green entry slip must accompany the entry. No grain shall be returned as this is a terminal show.
Grain will be judged on the following factors:
1)  Color; 2) Uniformity; 3) Purity (varietal, crops, weeds); 4) Inert Material (stems, chaff, dirt); 5) Soundness (cracked or broken kernels); 6) Insect Damage; 7) Condition (heat damage, sprouted kernels).
Each exhibitor must have or had a crop project during the current or preceding year for the following eligible crops:
Other approved crops, such as barley, rye, popcorn, and dry edible beans, are eligible for showing provided the crop was appropriately harvested in one of the above years.
Each eligible FFA exhibitor will be permitted to enter one entry per class per student.
Example – Class 6650 – Other, can only have one entry per student. Class 6480 – Shelled popcorn, can only have one entry per student.
Must be in and release schedule will be followed as printed in the Nebraska State Fair FFA Schedule. All exhibits must be removed by Labor Day, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Please note that stalks of corn will be shown without roots.

7100  Oats, Current Year
7200  Winter Wheat, Current Year
7300  Grain Sorghum, Previous Fall
7350  Grain Sorghum (10 heads-10" sheath of Heads), Current Year, Wrapped or Tied
7400  Shelled Yellow Corn, Previous Fall
7401  Shelled White Corn, Previous Fall
7450  Ears of Corn, Yellow (10 ears), Current Year
7451  Ears of Corn, White (10 ears), Current Year
7475  Stalks of Corn, Yellow (3 Stalks-do not include roots), Current Year, No pots or buckets.
7476  Stalks of Corn, White (3 Stalks-do not include roots), Current Year, No pots or buckets.
7480  Shelled Popcorn, Previous Fall
7481  Ears of Popcorn, (10 ears), Current Year
7482  Stalks of Popcorn, (3 Stalks- do not include roots), Current Year, No pots or buckets.
7500  Soybeans, Previous Fall
7550  Soybeans Plants (6 stalks cut at ground level), Current Year, Wrapped or Tied
7600  Small Grains (Sheath of Heads 2" in diameter, 24" stems), Current Year
7625  Alfalfa sheath
7630  Alfalfa, One Slab of Bale
7635  Brome or Native Grass, One Slab of Bale
7650  Other, Wrapped or Tied
RANGE BOARDS

PLACING WILL BE ON THE PURPLE, BLUE, RED, AND WHITE GROUP BASIS.

All Range Boards shall be 36" x 36" & 3/8" thick. Mounted range plants excluding invader plants must be on the list of important range plants (Table #1, Range Judging Handbook for Nebraska, E.C. 1-37-78). Mounted range plants must include roots, stem, and head. The Board shall not be covered by a plastic material. Range plants may be destroyed at release time.

The exhibit must show the name of the exhibitor, chapter, and each range plant shall be identified as follows: common name, scientific name, forage value, season of growth, and life span. Display Boards should have at least 15 range plants. Must be in and release schedule will be followed as printed in the Nebraska State Fair FFA Schedule.

7700 – Range Board Junior Class (Junior High, Freshmen, Sophomores)
7701 – Range Board Senior Class (Juniors, Seniors, Out of School)
All range boards will be judged using the following rubric:

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<td><strong>Meets the size and dimension requirement as listed in the fair book.</strong> The board finish (paint or stain) is distracting to the mounted plants. Improper mounting which allows plant to move freely.</td>
<td><strong>Does not meet the size and dimension requirement as listed in the fair book.</strong> The board finish (paint or stain) is distracting to the mounted plants. Plants mounted with tape, glue, or electric ties.</td>
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LOT 8 – HORTICULTURE AND APICULTURE

The quality, condition, safety, and care for all horticulture exhibits are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

All Exhibits must be a part of the FFA member’s SAE.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED THAT REQUIRE PROCESSING, CANNING, BAKING., ETC. (EXAMPLES - BREADS, COOKIES, CAKES, ETC, SALSA, JELLY)

No waxing or leaf shine on horticultural entries.

A ribbon will be presented to each eligible entry.

Must be in and release schedule will be followed as printed in the Nebraska State Fair FFA Schedule.

CLASS 1 -- INDIVIDUAL VEGETABLES & FRUITS

Vegetables & fruits will be judged on the following criteria: 1) Uniformity, 2) maturity, 3) correct number, 4) preparation, 5) full size, 6) good color, 7) shape, 8) firm, 9) free of damage by insects, disease or mechanical injury.

FFA Members are eligible to show one (1) exhibit of vegetables and fruits in each sub-class unless noted otherwise after each class or sub-class.

9001 Apples, red (5 specimens with 1” stem)
9002 Apples, yellow (5 specimens with 1” stem)
9003 Beans, yellow (10 pods w/calyx (stem)
9004 Beans, green (10 pods w/calyx (stem)
9005 Beets (5 specimens w/tops 1/2” long & tap root)
9006 Broccoli (1 specimen over 3” diameter and 6” long stock)
9007 Cabbage (1 specimen, loose leaves removed, at least 2 layers of sound green outer leaves left on, trim root smooth w/base of leaves)
9008 Carrots (3 specimens, top 1” - 1 1/2” long w/tap root)
9009 Cauliflower (1 specimen, trim leaves even w/top, remove older leaves, cut stem below last remaining leaf)
9010 Celery (1 specimen with roots and stalks intact)
9011 Cucumbers (3 slicing, leave 1/2” stem)
9012 Cucumbers (5 pickling, leave 1/2” stem)
9013 Eggplant (2 specimens with 1 1/2” stem)
9014 Gourds (5 specimens, mixed types with ½ - 1” stem)
9015 Gourds (3 specimens, single variety with ½ - 1” stem)
9016 Gourd, (Most Unique specimen) (1 gourd per exhibitor, maximum of 5 entries per chapter)
9017 Melon, musk or honeydew, (1 specimens, stems removed)
9018 Okra (5 specimens, ½ - 1” stem)
9019 Onions, yellow (5 specimens, remove only one layer of skin, leave 1” - 1 1/2” stem, trim root to 3/4”)
9020 Onions, red (5 specimens, remove only one layer of skin, leave 1” - 1 1/2” stem, trim root to 3/4”)
9021 Onions, white (5 specimens, remove only one layer of skin, leave 1” - 1 1/2” stem, trim root to 3/4”)
9022 Parsnips (3 specimen, top 1”-1 1/2”long w/tap root)
9023 Pepper, Jalapeno (3 specimens, leave 1/2“ - 1” stem)
9024  Pepper, other hot peppers, (3 specimens, leave ½” – 1” stem) Exhibitor cannot have same variety in both classes of “Pepper, other hot peppers.”
9025  Pepper, other hot peppers, (3 specimens, leave 1/2" - 1" stem) Exhibitor cannot have same variety in both classes of “Pepper, other hot peppers.”
9026  Pepper, sweet banana peppers, (3 specimens, leave 1/2" - 1" stem)
9027  Pepper, sweet bell peppers, (3 specimens, leave 1/2" - 1" stem)
9028  Pepper, other sweet peppers, (3 specimens, leave ½” – 1” stem)
9029  Potatoes, red (5 specimens, can be washed but do not scrub)
9030  Potatoes, russet (5 specimens, can be washed but do not scrub)
9031  Potatoes, white (5 specimens, can be washed but do not scrub)
9032  Potatoes, other (5 specimens, can be washed but do not scrub)
9033  Pumpkin, field type (1 specimen with 1" - 1 1/2" stem)
9034  Pumpkin, largest by weight and an acceptable degree of quality (1 specimen with 1" – 1 1/2" stem)
9035  Pumpkin, small, less than 4" in diameter (3 specimens with 1/2" stem)
9036  Pumpkin, most unusual (5 entries per chapter)
9037  Rhubarb (5 stalks, pulled from ground, with the leaf cut in a 2 inch fan)
9038  Squash, acorn (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
9039  Squash, butternut (2 specimens, leave 1” stem)
9040  Squash, zucchini (2 specimens, leave 1” stem)
9041  Squash, yellow, straight neck, (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
9042  Squash, yellow, crooked neck, (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
9043  Squash, any other variety (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
9044  Sweet corn, (3 ears, do not remove husks, trim silk to within 1" of top of husk, 1" - 2" long shank)
9045  Sweet potatoes, red gold (5 specimens, can be washed, do not scrub)
9046  Sweet potatoes, yellow (5 specimens, can be washed, do not scrub)
9047  Tomatoes, red (5 specimens, with 3/4” or larger stem)
9048  Tomatoes, yellow (5 specimens, with 3/4" or larger stem)
9049  Tomatoes, cherry (10 specimens, 1 1/2" or less in diameter, with 1/2" or longer stem)
9050  Tomatoes, Roma (5 specimens, ¾” stem)
9051  Tomatoes, other tomatoes, slicer (5 specimens, ¾” stem)
9052  Turnips (3 specimens, 1 ½ - 2” top)
9053  Watermelon, oblong type (1 specimen)
9054  Watermelon, round type (1 specimen)
9055  Watermelon, largest by weight and an acceptable degree of quality (1 specimen)
9056  Grapes, white (3 clusters)
9057  Grapes, red (3 clusters)
9058  Grapes, other (3 clusters)
9059  Other vegetables
9060  Other fruits
CLASS 2 -- HOME GARDEN FOOD BASKET DISPLAY

This exhibit is a quality selection of from 6-10 different kinds and/or varieties of mature vegetables and/or fruits. Amounts of vegetables & fruits in this exhibit should be such that they can be arranged in a neat and orderly manner and have good eye appeal. There must be enough of each vegetable or fruit for the judge to determine quality.

All vegetables and fruits exhibited must be grown by the FFA member as a part of an approved SAE program. One (1) entry per exhibitor.

Any combination of vegetables and fruits may be used. Those not listed in the catalog may be included. The exhibit must be a container such as a basket or box. It may be covered with a clear plastic cover but judges must be able to handle produce to determine quality.

One-third of the judging will be on how well the exhibit is prepared and presented. Packing, such as paper, straw or cloth, may be used but the vegetables and fruits should be the main attraction of the exhibit.

9060 Home Garden Food Basket Display (single exhibitor)
9061 Chapter Garden Food Basket Display (needs to be comprised of produce from three members)

CLASS 3 -- HOUSE PLANTS

All plants must be in the possession of the FFA member for at least the immediate past 90 days as a part of an approved SAE or laboratory project.

FFA members may exhibit a total of 10 entries from Class 3 (House Plants) with only 1 (one) entry per sub class. (Examples – only 1 Angelwing Begonia from 9100, only 1 Coleus from 9103, only 1 African Violet from 9120, etc)

One (1) container per entry, with saucers, if there is a drainage hole in container. NO WATERING without a saucer.

Judging will be based on color, condition, foliage and/or flower, correct name, culture, perfection, quality, maturity, and shape.

Plants should be properly prepared. This means the plant should be well-rooted in a container appropriate for the size of the plant. Plants should not be root-bound or pot-bound.

Plants must be groomed for exhibition. Clean with water only. Plants should be free of diseases, insect damage, insect free, no wax, or any artificial additives.

Stake a label into soil, listing cultural instructions of how you grew this plant. List water requirements (such as dry, semi-dry, damp); life requirements (sun, semi-shade, shade); and how this plant was propagated (bought, stem cutting, lead cutting, seed, etc.) Please make printing 1/4" tall or taller. Plants without this information will not be evaluated. Label may not be of such a size as to obscure viewing of plant. ("Water when dry" not explicit enough).

The exhibit is judged on the quality of the plant, not the container. Elaborate and expensive containers will not be considered in the judging of the plant.

FOLIAGE PLANT
9100 Angelwing Begonia
9101 Arrowhead
9102 Coleus
9103 Complant
9104 Croton
9105 Dracaena
9106 Dumbcane
9107 Jade
9108 Peace Lily
9109 Pothos
9110 Rubber Plant
9111 Schefflera
9112 Snake Plant
9113 Any Other

**POTTED FLOWERING PLANT**
9120 African Violet
9121 Begonia
9122 Chrysanthemum
9123 Geranium
9124 Petunia
9125 Any Other

**CACTI**
9130 Single Cacti
9131 Desert Garden – All Cacti
9132 Single Succulent
9133 Succulent Garden

**HANGING BASKETS**
9146 Philodendrons (one variety)
9147 Pothos
9148 Swedish Ivy
9149 Several Varieties Combined (3 or more)
9150 Any Other

**POTTED PLANTS**
9151 Herb
9152 Fairy Garden (12 inches and under)
9153 Fairy Garden (more than 12 inches)
9154 Several Varieties Combined (3 or more)
9155 Unique Potted Plant (any rare or unusual plant, specified variety)
9156 Any Other
9157 Terrarium/Dish Gardens

**CLASS 4 -- FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Floral arrangements exhibited by FFA members must have been arranged as a part of an FFA member's SAE or laboratory project. One (1) entry per exhibitor.

The materials may be purchased or grown by the exhibitor.

9200 Floral, fresh cut flowers/foliage in a bud vase (no more than three flowers)
9201 Floral, fresh cut flowers/foliage (more than three flowers)
9202 Floral, dried flower/foliage
9203 Floral, artificial flowers/foliage
9204 Floral, live plants
9205  Floral, combination of above
9206  Boutonniere (artificial) (in a see-through container)
9207  Corsage (artificial) (in a see-through container)
9208  Boutonniere (natural) (in a see-through container)
9209  Corsage (natural) (in a see-through container)
9210  Wreaths, 12” or less (artificial)
9211  Wreaths, over 12” (artificial)
9212  Topiary

Theme artistic arrangements, may be fresh, dried, or artificial or any combination thereof;
9213  Go Big Red Arrangement
9214  Christmas Theme Arrangement
9215  Fall Theme Arrangement
9216  State Fair Theme Arrangement

CLASS 5 -- INDIVIDUAL FLOWERS

Flowers will be judged on the following criteria: 1) form, 2) color, 3) size, 4) stem and foliage, 5) substance, 6) condition & 7) grooming.

All exhibits must be a part of the FFA members SAE.

9330  Asters (3 blooms)
9331  Bachelor Buttons (5 blooms)
9332  Bells of Ireland (3 stems)
9333  Celosia, feather/plume (3 spikes)
9334  Celosia, crested/cockscomb (3 flower heads)
9335  Chrysanthemum (blooms)
9336  Coneflower (3 blooms)
9337  Cosmos (5 blooms)
9338  Dahlia, small (under 5”, 3 blooms)
9339  Dahlia, medium (5”-8” in diameter, 1 bloom)
9340  Dahlia, large (over 8” in diameter, 1 bloom)
9341  Daisy (5 blooms)
9342  Dianthus (5 blooms)
9343  Foxglove (5 blooms)
9344  Gaillardia (5 blooms)
9345  Gladiola (3 stems)
9346  Gomphrena (5 blooms)
9347  Marigold, small, single color (under 3” blooms, 5 blooms)
9348  Marigold, small, bi-color (under 3” blooms, 5 blooms)
9349  Marigold, large, single color (over 3” blooms, 3 blooms)
9350  Marigold, large, bi-color (over 3” blooms, 3 blooms)
9351  Mums (5 blooms)
9352  Pansy (5 blooms)
9353  Petunia, single (3 blooms on 1’ stems, one variety)
9354  Petunia, double (3 blooms on 1” stems, one variety)
9355  Petunia, bi-color (3 blooms on 1" stems, one variety)
9356  Rose (1 stem, any variety)
9357  Rudbeckia (5 blooms)
9358  Salvia (3 stems)
9359  Sedum (3 blooms)
9360  Snapdragon (3 spikes)
9361  Statice (5 blooms)
9362  Strawflowers (5 blooms)
9363  Sunflowers (3 blooms)
9364  Vinca (5 blooms)
9365  Yarrow (5 blooms)
9366  Zinnia, dwarf (1/2 to 2", 5 blooms)
9367  Zinnia, medium (2 to 4 1/2", 3 blooms)
9368  Zinnia, giant (over 4 1/2", 3 blooms)
9369  Other flower (3 stems)

CLASS 6 -- HERBS

Herbs will be judged in the following criteria: 1) color, 2) size, 3) aroma, 4) form, 5) condition, 6) grooming, 7) shape, 8) free of insect and disease damage. All herbs will be five stems freshly cut from the garden and displayed in a vase of water.

9401  Basil
9402  Chive
9403  Dill
9404  Lavender
9405  Mint
9406  Oregano
9407  Parsley
9408  Rosemary
9409  Sage
9410  Thyme
9411  Tarragon
9412  Other Herbs

CLASS 7 – SPECIAL

One exhibit per sub-class per student.

9500  Horticulture board (1 board per exhibitor) examples for display could be a leaf board, bark board, twig board, horticulture weeds board, etc
9501  Living tree (propagated by student)
9502  Other special exhibit
**Rules**

Only one entry will be allowed per exhibitor, in any one class. All entries in this competition must have been produced in Nebraska by the exhibitor. Entries shall bear no labels or markings. Exhibitors wishing to identify their entries may send labels in a separate envelope to be attached after judging. Judges will use score cards in judging. Points will be deducted for entries less than the specified amounts.

**Judging Standards Scorecard**

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SECTION COMB HONEY (wood or round)
Suitability, uniformity & cleanliness of sections 15
Completeness, uniformity & cleanliness of cappings 30
Uniform & completely filled honey cells 30
Quality & uniformity of honey 15
Weight & completeness of attachment of comb 10

BEEKEEPING STORY
Originality 25
Technical merit 25
Educational merit 25
Display Captions 25

BEESWAX CANDLES
Color between straw & canary yellow 25
Cleanliness (free from honey & impurities) 25
Freedom from cracking, shrinking & marks 25
Neatness of workmanship 25

CLASS 8 – EXTRACTED HONEY -Entries shall consist of 4, 1-pound queenline glass jars
801 White/Light
802 Light Amber / Amber
803 Dark Amber/Dark

CLASS 9 – CREAMED HONEY -Entries shall consist of 4, 1-pound glass jars - cylindrical jars preferred

CLASS 10 – CHUNK COMB HONEY -Entries shall consist of 4, 1-pound glass jars - cylindrical jars preferred

CLASS 11 – CUT COMB HONEY -Entries shall consist of 4, 12-ounce combs, in plastic boxes.

CLASS 12 – SECTION COMB HONEY -shall consist of 4 wood sections packaged in cardboard-cellophane window cartons or 4 round sections with clear covers and labels or 4 half-combed cassettes

CLASS 13 – BEESWAX CANDLES -Entries shall consist of a pair of beeswax candles that are either molded or dipped.

CLASS 14 – GIFT BASKET -Entries shall consist of a gift basket of honey and products made from, or with, products of the hive.

CLASS 15 – BEEKEEPING STORY- Entries shall consist of 10 - 4” X 6” pictures mounted on a poster board with captions that explains beekeeping or skills of a beekeeper to manage a hive throughout the year