

2021
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

FFA
Entry Information and Award List

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The purposes of the Nebraska FFA Board of Directors shall be to recommend operational policy for the FFA Division, Nebraska State Fair and carry forth those responsibilities as prescribed in the FFA Premium Catalogue.

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Entry and General Information

Only online entries will be accepted. Entries must be completed by the FFA exhibitor through Showworks by the deadline listed on the Nebraska State Fair FFA Schedule. There will be no late registrations accepted for FFA livestock. Entry fees will be paid at the time of entry. There will be no refunds issued. An online receipt may be printed when entries are completed in Showworks.

All FFA Chapter with students exhibiting at state fair will pay an administrative fee. Checks should be made payable to the Nebraska FFA Association. FFA Chapters will receive an invoice from the State FFA Office.

Nebraska State Fair FFA websites:

www.education.ne.gov/nce/ffa-state-fair

www.statefair.org/competitions

The Nebraska State Fair website also contains general information regarding attending the fair, rules and regulations governing all livestock exhibits at the fair, fair entry, fair schedules, and the Department of Agriculture Elite Showman competition.

A copy of the 2021 Nebraska State Fair General Livestock Information, Rules, and Regulations can be found in Appendix A of this document.

Schedule

Note: The following schedule is subject to change. Please consult the Nebraska State Fair website for the most up to date information at www.statefair.org/competitions.

Pre-Fair and Post-Fair Dates

June 15 – Livestock Nomination Deadline.

June 15 – All livestock shall be the property of the exhibitor and a part of the FFA member's SAE Program.

June 15 – 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.

August 10 @ 8:00 p.m. – Online registration deadline for Nebraska State Fair livestock entries (includes chapter t-shirt order).

August 24 @ 8:00 p.m. – On-line registration deadline for Nebraska State Fair static exhibits.

August 25 – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals livestock exhibitor certification completion deadline.

State Fair Check-in – FFA Livestock Ethics Form and Statement of disclosure due to the Species Superintendent.

October 31 – Postmark FFA Chapter entry fee.

October 31 – All complaints, errors, omissions must be filed with the General Superintendent.

Fair Schedule

Static Exhibits – Must be in place	Saturday, September 4, 1:00 p.m.
Static Exhibits – Released	Monday, September 6, 1:00 p.m.
Beef – Must be in place	Saturday, September 4, 7:00 p.m.
Beef – Market, Feeder, & Breeding Check-in	Saturday, September 4, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Beef – Showmanship	Sunday, September 5, 9:30 a.m.
Beef – Breeding Show.....	Sunday, September 5, after Showmanship
Beef – Feeder Calf Show.....	Monday, September 6, 8:30 a.m.
Beef – Market Show.....	Monday, September 6, after Feeder Calf Show
Beef – Parade of Champions and Champion Selection	Monday, September 6, 5:00 p.m.
Beef – Released.....	Monday, September 6, 1:00 p.m.
Swine – Must be in place	Sunday, September 5, 9:00 a.m.
Swine – Market Weigh-in Cards Due.....	Sunday, September 5, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Swine – Breeding Show	Monday, September 6, 8:00 a.m.
Swine – Market Show	Monday, September 6, after Breeding Show
Swine – Showmanship	Sunday, September 5, 5:30 p.m.
Swine – Parade of Champions and Champion Selection	Monday, September 6, 5:00 p.m.
Swine – Released.....	Sunday, September 6, 1:00 p.m.
Sheep – Must be in place	Sunday, September 5, 9:00 a.m.
Sheep – Check-in and Weigh-in.....	Sunday, September 5, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sheep – Showmanship.....	Sunday, September 5, 4:00 p.m.
Sheep – Breeding Show	Monday, September 6, 8:30 a.m.
Sheep – Market Show	Monday, September 6, after Breeding Show
Sheep – Parade of Champions and Champion Selection.....	Monday, September 6, 5:00 p.m.
Sheep – Released	Monday, September 6, 1:00 p.m.

Sheep – Optional Sold Market Load-out..... Monday, September 6, TBA
 Goats – Must be in placeSunday, September 5, 9:00 a.m.
 Goats – Check-in and Weigh-in.....Sunday, September 5, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 Goats – Showmanship..... Sunday, September 5, 2:30 p.m.
 Goats – Breeding ShowMonday, September 6, 10:30 a.m.
 Goats – Market ShowMonday, September 6, after Breeding Show
 Goats – Parade of Champions and Champion Selection..... Monday, September 6, 5:00 p.m.
 Goats – Released Monday, September 6, 1:00 p.m.
 Goats – Optional Sold Market Load-out..... Monday, September 6, TBA

FFA Specific Rules

1. 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. Local advisors must submit membership to the National FFA Membership System for exhibitors 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 2021 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, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year. A student must have graduated in 2019 or later to be eligible for the 2021 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 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.

2. Static Entry 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.

Crop 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 static 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. Disciplinary action could involve immediate dismissal and/or long-term ineligibility.

3. Entry Fees

Entry fees must be paid online through the Showworks system at the time of entering. All FFA Chapters with students exhibiting at state fair must submit a \$25 administrative fee to the Nebraska FFA Association. Invoices will be sent to advisors by the Nebraska FFA State Office by the end of September.

Static Exhibits	\$2.00 per entry	Sheep	\$25.00 per entry
Beef	\$45.00 per entry	Swine	\$25.00 per entry
Goats	\$25.00 per entry		

4. Awarded Ribbons and Premiums

Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons, if earned, will be presented to exhibitors participating. Other awards will be given as warranted by sponsorships provided. Other awards includes but is not limited to trophies, banners, rosettes, apparel, and cash prizes.

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. Sponsorship collected in this way will be printed in the FFA State Fair 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 State Fair Sponsorship Booklet.

5. Number of Entries per Exhibitor

Each eligible FFA exhibitor will be permitted to show a maximum of 6 beef animals total but no more than 3 market animals, 4 breeding animals and 4 feeder calves, dairy animals (refer to Department 35 - Youth Dairy Show), 4 market swine, 2 breeding gilts, 4 market lambs, 4 breeding sheep, 4 market goats and 4 breeding goats. Refer to the non-livestock sections of this book for number of entries per exhibitor per class.

6. Herdsmanship

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.

7. Fitting and Showmanship

All FFA livestock shows will allow fitting of animals with adhesives, glues, paints, and powdered products. However, any fitting practices that would violate the unethical fitting clause as defined in the Nebraska State Fair General Livestock Rule 24 are strictly prohibited.

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.

A Grand Champion Showman is ineligible to compete again in the fitting and showmanship contest in the same division of the species that they have previously won.

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.

8. YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Certification Requirement

All livestock exhibitors **MUST** be certified in the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) program through their FFA advisors or extension educators prior to the online registration deadline for livestock entries.

Breeding Livestock Age Breaks

1. Dairy Cattle

Refer to Department 35 – Youth Dairy Show

2. Beef Cattle

Bulls

Jan thru April 2021
Nov thru Dec 2020
Sept thru Oct 2020
July thru Aug 2020
May thru June 2020
Mar thru April 2020
Jan thru Feb 2020

Heifers

Jan thru April 2021
Nov thru Dec 2020
Sept thru Oct 2020
July thru Aug 2020
May thru June 2020
Mar thru April 2020
Jan thru Feb 2020
July thru Dec 2019
Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

3. Sheep

Ewes

Lamb (dropped after 9/30/20)
Yearling (1/1/20 – 9/30/20)
Ewe (dropped before 1/1/20)

Rams

Lamb (dropped after 9/30/20)
Yearling (1/1/20– 9/30/20)

4. Goats

Kids (dropped after 9/30/20)
Yearling (1/1/20 – 9/30/20)
Doe (dropped before 1/1/20)

Lot 2 – Beef

A student may show no more than 6 beef animals with no more than 3 market beef, 4 breeding beef, and 4 feeder calves.

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.

4-H/FFA beef blocking chutes, which require a permit, will be limited and there will be a designated area for these blocking chutes.

An exhibitor must have proper registration papers and entry form cleared with the FFA Beef Superintendent before any animal will be shown in a registered class. 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.

Commercial animals may be shown separately from registered animals. Commercial animals 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 designated check-in time.

Breeding Beef

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

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 following list of breeds are offered 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:

Angus

Must be registered in the American Angus Association.

Angus Bulls

2000 Jan thru April 2021
 2001 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2002 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2003 July thru Aug 2020
 2004 May thru June 2020
 2005 Mar thru April 2020
 2006 Jan thru Feb 2020

Angus Heifers

2007 Jan thru April 2021
 2008 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2009 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2010 July thru Aug 2020
 2011 May thru June 2020
 2012 Mar thru April 2020
 2013 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2014 July thru Dec 2019
 2015 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Braunvieh**Braunvieh Bulls**

2020 Jan thru April 2021
 2021 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2022 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2023 July thru Aug 2020
 2024 May thru June 2020
 2025 Mar thru April 2020
 2026 Jan thru Feb 2020

Braunvieh Heifers

2027 Jan thru April 2021
 2028 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2029 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2030 July thru Aug 2020
 2031 May thru June 2020
 2032 Mar thru April 2020
 2033 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2034 July thru Dec 2019
 2035 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Charolais

Must have an American-International Charolais Association (AICA) registration certificate and must be 100% purebred Charolais.

Charolais Bulls

2040 Jan thru April 2021
 2041 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2042 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2043 July thru Aug 2020
 2044 May thru June 2020
 2045 Mar thru April 2020
 2046 Jan thru Feb 2020

Charolais Heifers

2047 Jan thru April 2021
 2048 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2049 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2050 July thru Aug 2020
 2051 May thru June 2020
 2052 Mar thru April 2020
 2053 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2054 July thru Dec 2019
 2055 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Composite Charolais

Composite Charolais Bulls

2080 Jan thru April 2021
2081 Nov thru Dec 2020
2082 Sept thru Oct 2020
2083 July thru Aug 2020
2084 May thru June 2020
2085 Mar thru April 2020
2086 Jan thru Feb 2020

Composite Charolais Heifers

2087 Jan thru April 2021
2088 Nov thru Dec 2020
2089 Sept thru Oct 2020
2090 July thru Aug 2020
2091 May thru June 2020
2092 Mar thru April 2020
2093 Jan thru Feb 2020
2094 July thru Dec 2019
2094 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Chianina

Must be registered in the American Chianina Association. Includes Chiangus, Chianina, Chiford, or Chimaine.

Chianina Bulls

2060 Jan thru April 2021
2061 Nov thru Dec 2020
2062 Sept thru Oct 2020
2063 July thru Aug 2020
2064 May thru June 2020
2065 Mar thru April 2020
2066 Jan thru Feb 2020

Chianina Heifers

2067 Jan thru April 2021
2068 Nov thru Dec 2020
2069 Sept thru Oct 2020
2070 July thru Aug 2020
2071 May thru June 2020
2072 Mar thru April 2020
2073 Jan thru Feb 2020
2074 July thru Dec 2019
2075 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Gelbvieh

Must be registered in the American Gelbvieh Association.

Gelbvieh Bulls

2100 Jan thru April 2021
2101 Nov thru Dec 2020
2102 Sept thru Oct 2020
2103 July thru Aug 2020
2104 May thru June 2020
2105 Mar thru April 2020
2106 Jan thru Feb 2020

Gelbvieh Heifers

2107 Jan thru April 2021
2108 Nov thru Dec 2020
2109 Sept thru Oct 2020
2110 July thru Aug 2020
2111 May thru June 2020
2112 Mar thru April 2020
2113 Jan thru Feb 2020
2114 July thru Dec 2019
2115 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Balancer

Must be registered with the American Gelbvieh Association and be 25%-70% Gelbvieh and 30%-75% Red Angus or Angus.

Balancer Bulls

2120 Jan thru April 2021
 2121 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2122 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2123 July thru Aug 2020
 2124 May thru June 2020
 2125 Mar thru April 2020
 2126 Jan thru Feb 2020

Balancer Heifers

2127 Jan thru April 2021
 2128 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2129 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2130 July thru Aug 2020
 2131 May thru June 2020
 2132 Mar thru April 2020
 2133 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2134 July thru Dec 2019
 2135 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Horned & Polled Hereford

Must be registered with the American Hereford Association. Miniature Herefords are not accepted and should be entered in the AOB Division.

Horned & Polled Hereford Bulls

2160 Jan thru April 2021
 2161 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2162 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2163 July thru Aug 2020
 2164 May thru June 2020
 2165 Mar thru April 2020
 2166 Jan thru Feb 2020

Horned & Polled Hereford Heifers

2167 Jan thru April 2021
 2168 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2169 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2170 July thru Aug 2020
 2171 May thru June 2020
 2172 Mar thru April 2020
 2173 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2174 July thru Dec 2019
 2175 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Limousin

Must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation.

Limousin Bulls

2140 Jan thru April 2021
 2141 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2142 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2143 July thru Aug 2020
 2144 May thru June 2020
 2145 Mar thru April 2020
 2146 Jan thru Feb 2020

Limousin Heifers

2147 Jan thru April 2021
 2148 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2149 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2150 July thru Aug 2020
 2151 May thru June 2020
 2152 Mar thru April 2020
 2152 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2154 July thru Dec 2019
 2155 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/1)

Limflex

Must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation and must be 25%-75% Limousin and 25%-75% Red Angus or Angus.

Limflex Bulls

2180 Jan thru April 2021
 2181 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2182 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2183 July thru Aug 2020
 2184 May thru June 2020
 2185 Mar thru April 2020
 2186 Jan thru Feb 2020

Limflex Heifers

2187 Jan thru April 2021
 2188 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2189 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2190 July thru Aug 2020
 2191 May thru June 2020
 2192 Mar thru April 2020
 2193 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2194 July thru Dec 2019
 2195 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Maine-Anjou

Must be registered with the American Maine-Anjou Association and must be $\frac{3}{4}$ blood and above. Chimaine are not accepted.

Maine-Anjou Bulls

2200 Jan thru April 2021
 2201 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2202 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2203 July thru Aug 2020
 2204 May thru June 2020
 2205 Mar thru April 2020
 2206 Jan thru Feb 2020

Maine-Anjou Heifers

2207 Jan thru April 2021
 2208 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2209 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2210 July thru Aug 2020
 2211 May thru June 2020
 2212 Mar thru April 2020
 2213 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2214 July thru Dec 2019
 2215 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Maintainer

Must be registered with the American Maine-Anjou Association and be $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ blood Maine-Anjou.

Maintainer Bulls

2240 Jan thru April 2021
 2241 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2242 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2243 July thru Aug 2020
 2244 May thru June 2020
 2245 Mar thru April 2020
 2246 Jan thru Feb 2020

Maintainer Heifers

2247 Jan thru April 2021
 2248 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2249 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2250 July thru Aug 2020
 2251 May thru June 2020
 2252 Mar thru April 2020
 2253 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2254 July thru Dec 2019
 2255 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Miniature

Miniature Bulls

2220 Jan thru April 2021
2221 Nov thru Dec 2020
2222 Sept thru Oct 2020
2223 July thru Aug 2020
2224 May thru June 2020
2225 Mar thru April 2020
2226 Jan thru Feb 2020

Miniature Heifers

2227 Jan thru April 2021
2228 Nov thru Dec 2020
2229 Sept thru Oct 2020
2230 July thru Aug 2020
2231 May thru June 2020
2232 Mar thru April 2020
2233 Jan thru Feb 2020
2234 July thru Dec 2019
2235 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Red Angus

Must be registered with the Red Angus Association of America.

Red Angus Bulls

2260 Jan thru April 2021
2261 Nov thru Dec 2020
2262 Sept thru Oct 2020
2263 July thru Aug 2020
2264 May thru June 2020
2265 Mar thru April 2020
2266 Jan thru Feb 2020

Red Angus Heifers

2267 Jan thru April 2021
2268 Nov thru Dec 2020
2269 Sept thru Oct 2020
2270 July thru Aug 2020
2271 May thru June 2020
2272 Mar thru April 2020
2273 Jan thru Feb 2020
2274 July thru Dec 2019
2275 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Shorthorn

Must be registered with the American Shorthorn Association and must be 15/16 registered purebred.

Shorthorn Bulls

2280 Jan thru April 2021
2281 Nov thru Dec 2020
2282 Sept thru Oct 2020
2283 July thru Aug 2020
2284 May thru June 2020
2285 Mar thru April 2020
2286 Jan thru Feb 2020

Shorthorn Heifers

2287 Jan thru April 2021
2288 Nov thru Dec 2020
2289 Sept thru Oct 2020
2290 July thru Aug 2020
2291 May thru June 2020
2292 Mar thru April 2020
2293 Jan thru Feb 2020
2294 July thru Dec 2019
2295 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Shorthorn Plus

Must be registered with the American Shorthorn Association and must be ¼ blood and up to and including 7/8 blood Shorthorn.

Shorthorn Plus Bulls

2300 Jan thru April 2021
 2301 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2302 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2303 July thru Aug 2020
 2304 May thru June 2020
 2305 Mar thru April 2020
 2306 Jan thru Feb 2020

Shorthorn Plus Heifers

2310 Jan thru April 2021
 2311 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2312 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2313 July thru Aug 2020
 2314 May thru June 2020
 2315 Mar thru April 2020
 2316 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2317 July thru Dec 2019
 2318 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Simmental

Must be registered with the American Simmental Association and must be 75.1% or higher.

Simmental Bulls

2320 Jan thru April 2021
 2321 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2322 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2323 July thru Aug 2020
 2324 May thru June 2020
 2325 Mar thru April 2020
 2326 Jan thru Feb 2020

Simmental Heifers

2327 Jan thru April 2021
 2328 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2329 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2330 July thru Aug 2020
 2331 May thru June 2020
 2332 Mar thru April 2020
 2333 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2334 July thru Dec 2019
 2335 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Foundational Simmental

Must be registered with the American Simmental Association and must be 5%-75% Simmental.

Foundation Simmental Bulls

2340 Jan thru April 2021
 2341 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2342 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2343 July thru Aug 2020
 2344 May thru June 2020
 2345 Mar thru April 2020
 2346 Jan thru Feb 2020

Foundation Simmental Heifers

2347 Jan thru April 2021
 2348 Nov thru Dec 2020
 2349 Sept thru Oct 2020
 2350 July thru Aug 2020
 2351 May thru June 2020
 2352 Mar thru April 2020
 2353 Jan thru Feb 2020
 2354 July thru Dec 2019
 2355 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

All Other Breeds (AOB)

The AOB Division may include registered animals for which a separate division is not listed, but which meet their state breed association's criteria for exhibition, or registered animals with registration papers not meeting the state's breed association requirements listed above. Animals entered in the AOB class must have appropriate registration papers.

AOB Bulls

2360 Jan thru April 2021
2361 Nov thru Dec 2020
2362 Sept thru Oct 2020
2363 July thru Aug 2020
2364 May thru June 2020
2365 Mar thru April 2020
2366 Jan thru Feb 2020

AOB Heifers

2367 Jan thru April 2021
2368 Nov thru Dec 2020
2369 Sept thru Oct 2020
2370 July thru Aug 2020
2371 May thru June 2020
2372 Mar thru April 2020
2373 Jan thru Feb 2020
2374 July thru Dec 2019
2375 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Commercial (Heifers)

2300 Jan thru April 2021
2301 Nov thru Dec 2020
2302 Sept thru Oct 2020
2303 July thru Aug 2020
2304 May thru June 2020
2305 Mar thru April 2020
2306 Jan thru Feb 2020
2307 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/21)

Market Beef

The Nebraska State Fair is a terminal show for the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Beef animals only. There will not be an option to send any other beef animals to market at the fair. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will be drug tested and DNA checked after the selection.

An EID tag and DNA collection must be completed on or before the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book. 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 five divisions: Market Heifers, Division 1 Market Steers, Division 2 Market Steers and Division 3 Market Steers, Purebred Market Beef. All five 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 the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book 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 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 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. During check-in, all market beef will submit to verification of identification numbers (approved EID ear tags).

FFA weigh cards will be printed based on the pre-entries and available in the exhibitor packets in the Livestock Check-In Trailer. 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 to be picked up during the same hours that they are collecting weigh cards.

Reference the fair schedule section of this book for when weigh cards must be turned in. 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 championships.

2400 Market Beef

2401 Purebred Market Beef

Feeder Calves

Feeder Calves born between Jan. 1 and May 31 of the current year may be shown.

All feeder calves must have an EID tag and information submitted into the Show Stock Manager at www.showstockmgr.com by the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book.

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.

2700 Feeder Heifers

2800 Feeder Steers

Beef Showmanship

Refer to the FFA Specific Rules section of this book for additional information.

- 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.

Top animals will be placed on a 1-2 basis and will compete for championship, if deemed worthy by the judge.

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.

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 through Show Stock Manager by the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book, including an EID tag and DNA collection must be completed on or before the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book. 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 by the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book.

Any animal nominated for the State Fair by the nomination 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 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.

All swine shows at the fair will use weigh cards instead the traditional weigh in process. In using weigh cards, exhibitors 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. 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 weigh cards.

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 championships.

Purebred classes will be determined by breed, and crossbred classes will be determined by weight. Once determined, classes will be posted showing exhibitor 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 any classes, including showmanship.

Exhibitors should be present at the time of weighing and marking (tattooing).

Market Swine

The Nebraska State Fair is a terminal show for the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Swine animals only. All other animals may sell on an optional basis if the option is made available. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will be drug tested and DNA checked after the selection.

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.

Following the selection of the Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt and Barrow as well as Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt and Barrow, a Champion and Reserve Champion Overall Market Hog will be selected from the four animals.

Purebred

3001 Berkshire Gilt	3401 Hereford Gilt
3002 Berkshire Barrow	3402 Hereford Barrow
3101 Chester White Gilt	3501 Poland China Gilt
3102 Chester White Barrow	3502 Poland China Barrow
3201 Duroc Gilt	3601 Spotted Gilt
3202 Duroc Barrow	3602 Spotted Barrow
3301 Hampshire Gilt	3701 Other Breeds Gilt
3302 Hampshire Barrow	3702 Other Breeds Barrow

Crossbred

3801 Crossbred Gilt
3802 Crossbred Barrow

Breeding Gilts

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 gilts. 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.

Like the market hogs, all gilts will be shown by weight as declared by exhibitors on weigh cards. Breeding gilts must be born after December 1st of the prior year.

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 exhibitor of animals and class in which they are to be shown.

Purebred

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

Crossbred

- 3700 Crossbred Gilt

Swine Showmanship

Refer to the FFA Specific Rules section of this book for additional information.

- 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 4 market lambs and 4 breeding sheep. Scrapie tags must be in all sheep.

Top animals will be placed on a 1-2 basis and will compete for championship, if deemed worthy by the judge.

An exhibitor must have proper registration papers and entry form cleared with the FFA Sheep Superintendent before any animal will be shown in the purebred division. Registration papers, entry forms, and ear tags will be checked and verified in the Sheep Show area. Any animal not meeting purebred requirements will be shown in the crossbred division.

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

In order to simplify sheep substitutions at the Nebraska State Fair, exhibitors will send in a bank of sheep nominations through Show Stock Manager by the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book, including a Scrapie tag and DNA collection must be completed on or before the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book. 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 by the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book. Any animal nominated for the State Fair by the 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 may be checked for club lamb fungus at any time. 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 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. 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 weigh

cards. Weigh cards must be turned in by the date and time designated in the fair schedule section of this book.

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 championships.

Breeding Sheep

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

Flock consists of two females and one 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 sheep entries.

Only Dorset Ewes will have a Fall Lamb class.

Breeding Ewes

Dorset

- 4101 Lamb (dropped after 11/30/20)
- 4102 Fall Lamb (8/01/20 - 11/30/20)
- 4103 Yearling (1/1/20 – 7/31/20)
- 4104 Ewe (dropped before 1/1/20)
- 4105 Flock

Shropshire

- 4301 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/20)
- 4302 Yearling (1/1/20 – 9/30/20)
- 4303 Ewe (dropped before 1/1/20)
- 4304 Flock

Suffolk

- 4501 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/20)
- 4502 Yearling (1/1/20 – 9/30/20)
- 4503 Ewe (dropped before 1/1/20)
- 4504 Flock

Commercial

- 4001 Lamb
- 4002 Yearling
- 4003 Ewe
- 4004 Flock

Hampshire

- 4201 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/20)
- 4202 Yearling (1/1/20 – 09/30/20)
- 4203 Ewe (dropped before 1/1/20)
- 4204 Flock

Southdown

- 4401 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/20)
- 4402 Yearling (1/1/20 – 9/30/20)
- 4403 Ewe (dropped before 1/1/20)
- 4404 Flock

Other Registered Breeds

- 4601 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/20)
- 4602 Yearling (1/1/20 – 9/30/20)
- 4603 Ewe (dropped before 1/1/20)
- 4604 Flock

Rams

Dorset

4106 Lamb
4107 Yearling

Shropshire

4306 Lamb
4307 Yearling

Suffolk

4506 Lamb
4507 Yearling

Commercial

4701 Lamb
4702 Yearling

Hampshire

4206 Lamb
4207 Yearling

Southdown

4406 Lamb
4407 Yearling

Other Registered Breeds

4606 Lamb
4607 Yearling

Market Lambs

The Nebraska State Fair is a terminal show for the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Lambs only. If available, all other market lambs can be sold on a voluntary basis by FFA members.

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

Market lambs to be exhibited should be weighed prior to bringing to the fair to be assured of being within weight requirements. 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.

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

4700 Market Lambs

4701 White Face Influence – Note: based off a decision of a classifier

4702 Purebred Market Lamb

Sheep Showmanship

Refer to the FFA Specific Rules section of this book for additional information.

4801 Out of School Showmanship

4802 Senior Showmanship

4803 Junior Showmanship

4804 Sophomore Showmanship

4805 Freshman Showmanship

4806 Junior High Showmanship

Lot 5 – Goats

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

Top animals will be placed on a 1-2 basis and will compete for championship, if deemed worthy by the judge.

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

Non-registered (commercial) goats will be shown separately from registered animals. Commercial doe entry forms and scrapie ear tags will be verified at check-in.

In order to simplify goat substitutions at the Nebraska State Fair, exhibitors will send in a bank of goat nominations through Show Stock Manager by the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book, including a Scrapie tag and DNA collection must be completed on or before the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book. 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 by the date designated in the fair schedule section of this book. Any animal nominated for the State Fair by the 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 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.

Breeding Goats

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

Breeding Does

Boer

5201 Kid
5202 Yearling
5203 Doe
5201 Kid

Other Registered Breeds

5204 Kid
5205 Yearling
5206 Doe

Commercial

5301 Kid
5302 Yearling
5303 Does

Market Goats

The Nebraska State Fair is a terminal show for the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Goats only. If available, 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 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 goats may be checked for fungus at any time. Any kid exhibiting symptoms of fungus will not be allowed to show and will be quarantined. 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. Goats must have horns blunted; however, dehorning is acceptable and preferred.

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 must be issued within 10 days of exhibition.

All meat goats shows at the fair will use weigh cards instead the traditional weigh-in process. In using weigh cards, exhibitors 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 breeding goats. FFA weigh cards will be printed based on the pre-entries and available in the exhibitor packets in the Livestock Check-In Trailer. 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 weigh cards. Weigh cards must be turned in by the date and time designated in the fair schedule section of this book.

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 championships.

All market goats 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. 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.

Goats must be shown with smooth neck chains or smooth collars only.

5100 Market Goats (wethers and does)

Goat Showmanship

Refer to the FFA Specific Rules section of this book for additional information.

- 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

Each eligible exhibitor may have only 2 entries in each class. The official entry slip must accompany the entry.

Must be in and release schedule will be followed as designated in the fair schedule section of this book unless prior arrangements have been made with the FFA Superintendent.

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.

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.

Exhibits will be evaluated on the following basis:

Construction - soundness of joints and attachments, correctness, neatness of cuts	40 points
Utility - functional design, ease of use, portability, or storability	40 points
Workmanship - attention to detail and neatness; should not impact immediate function.....	20 points

Utility

To include items/tools used in or about the Agricultural 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

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.

- 6400 Large Refurbishing – tractors
- 6410 Medium Refurbishing – lawn mowers, tillers, power garden items
- 6420 Small Refurbishing – antique farm tools

Display Boards

A display board shall be items completed by FFA members during the previous school year.

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. Recommended welds include:

Flat position	Butt, (Lap Horizontal) plates flat
Horizontal position	Butt, Lap, T-fillet
Vertical position	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). Must include soldering, flare fitting, glued joint, and steel threaded joint
- 6560 Advanced Electrical or Plumbing – Contains controls, valves, timers, motors, etc.

FFA State Fair Welding Board Rubric

8-10 Different Welds (joint or position)	20
All welds labeled correctly	20
No spatter	25
Even penetration	25
Uniform in size from beginning to end	25
Correct angle for fillet welds (I, corner, lap)	25
Correct amperage setting	25
Correct weld speed, no V patterns	25
Overall appearance of board	10
TOTAL POINTS	200

Lot 7 – Crops and Range Boards

Crops

Each eligible exhibitor may have only 1 entry in each class. The official entry slip must accompany the entry. All exhibits must be a part of the FFA member's SAE.

Must be in and release schedule will be followed as designated in the fair schedule section of this book unless prior arrangements have been made with the FFA Superintendent.

Corn stalks will be exhibited without roots.

No grain shall be returned as this is a terminal show.

Grain should be entered in a 4-quart plastic bucket with lid such as an ice cream bucket. Each sample of grain shall be 2 quarts. Grain will be judged on the following criteria:

- Color
- Uniformity
- Purity (varietal, crops, weeds)
- Inert Material (stems, chaff, dirt)
- Soundness (cracked or broken kernels)
- Insect Damage
- Condition (heat damage, sprouted kernels)

Exhibitors must have or had a crop project during the current or preceding year which is being exhibited. Crops such as barley, rye, popcorn, and dry edible beans are eligible to be exhibited provided the crop was appropriately harvested in current or preceding year.

- 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

Each eligible exhibitor may have only 1 entry in each class. The official entry slip must accompany the entry.

Must be in and release schedule will be followed as designated in the fair schedule section of this book unless prior arrangements have been made with the FFA Superintendent. Range plants may be destroyed at release time.

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.

Display Boards should have at least 15 range plants. The exhibit must include the following information for each range plant:

- Common name
- Scientific name
- Forage value
- Season of growth
- Life span

Range Board Scoring Rubric

Upper Points	Middle Points	Lower Points
Meets the size and dimension requirement as listed in the fair book. The board has a quality finish (paint or stain) and is not distracting to the mounted plants. Plants are mounted with small gauge wire through small diameter drill holes.	Meets the size and dimension requirement as listed in the fair book. The board finish (paint or stain) is distracting to the mounted plants. Improper mounting which allows plant to move freely.	Does not meet the size and dimension requirement as listed in the fair book. The board finish (paint or stain) is distracting to the mounted plants. Plants mounted with tape, glue, or electric ties.
Labels legible and accurate with Common name, Scientific name, Origin, Life Form, Life Span, Livestock Forage Value, Growth Form (if applicable), and Season of Growth (if applicable). Scientific name only should be italicized.	Labels legible and accurate with Common name, Scientific name, Origin, Life Form, Life Span, Livestock Forage Value, Growth Form (if applicable), and Season of Growth (if applicable). Scientific name not italicized or missing minimal information.	Labels not legible and missing information such as: Common name, Scientific name, Origin, Life Form, Life Span, Livestock Forage Value, Growth Form (if applicable), and Season of Growth (if applicable). Scientific name not italicized and missing major information.
All 15 of the plants are correctly identified and labeled.	12-14 of the plants are correctly identified and labeled.	Less than 12 of the plants are correctly identified and labeled.
All 15 plants are from the list of plants found in the Nebraska Range Judging Handbook. Over 12 of the plants are native. The plants are a good representation of the plants as seen in typical range conditions. No plants are introduced annuals. No noxious plants are included on the range board. The plants have seed head, stems, leaves, and roots.	All 15 plants are from the list of plants found in the Nebraska Range Judging Handbook. Over 10 of the plants are native. The plants are a good representation of the plants as seen in typical range conditions. One plant is an introduced annual. No noxious plants are included on the range board. The plants are missing one of the following: seed head, stems, leaves, and roots.	All 15 plants are from the list of plants found in the Nebraska Range Judging Handbook. Less than 10 of the plants are native. The plants are not a good representation of the plants as seen in typical range conditions. Two or more plants are introduced annuals. Noxious plants are included on the range board. The plants are missing several of the following: seed head, stems, leaves, and roots.

7700 Range Board Junior Class – Junior High, Freshmen, Sophomores

7701 Range Board Senior Class – Juniors, Seniors, Out of School

Lot 8 – Horticulture and Apiculture

Each eligible exhibitor may have only 1 entry in each sub-class unless noted otherwise. The official entry slip must accompany the entry. All exhibits must be a part of the FFA member's SAE.

Must be in and release schedule will be followed as designated in the fair schedule section of this book unless prior arrangements have been made with the FFA Superintendent. Range plants may be destroyed at release time.

Horticulture

No entries will be accepted that require processing, canning, baking, etc. (examples - breads, cookies, cakes, salsa, jelly).

No waxing or leaf shine on horticultural entries.

Class 1 – Individual Vegetables & Fruits

Vegetables & fruits will be judged on the following criteria:

- Uniformity
- Maturity
- Correct number
- Preparation
- Full size
- Good color
- Shape
- Firm
- Free of damage by insects, disease, or mechanical injury

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 1/2 - 1" stem)
- 9015 Gourds (3 specimens, single variety with 1/2 - 1" stem)
- 9016 Gourd, (Most Unique specimen) (1 gourd per exhibitor, maximum of 5 entries per chapter)
- 9017 Grapes, red (3 clusters)
- 9018 Grapes, white (3 clusters)
- 9019 Grapes, other (3 clusters)
- 9020 Melon, musk or honeydew, (1 specimens, stems removed)
- 9021 Okra (5 specimens, 1/2 - 1" stem)
- 9022 Onions, yellow (5 specimens, remove only one layer of skin, leave 1" - 1 1/2" stem, trim root to 3/4")
- 9023 Onions, red (5 specimens, remove only one layer of skin, leave 1" - 1 1/2" stem, trim root to 3/4")
- 9024 Onions, white (5 specimens, remove only one layer of skin, leave 1" - 1 1/2" stem, trim root to 3/4")
- 9025 Parsnips (3 specimen, top 1"-1 1/2"long w/tap root)
- 9026 Pepper, Jalapeno (3 specimens, leave 1/2" - 1" stem)
- 9027 Pepper, other hot peppers, (3 specimens, leave 1/2" - 1" stem) Exhibitor cannot have same variety in both classes of "Pepper, other hot peppers."
- 9028 Pepper, other hot peppers, (3 specimens, leave 1/2" - 1" stem) Exhibitor cannot have same variety in both classes of "Pepper, other hot peppers."
- 9029 Pepper, sweet banana peppers, (3 specimens, leave 1/2" - 1" stem)
- 9030 Pepper, sweet bell peppers, (3 specimens, leave 1/2" - 1" stem)
- 9031 Pepper, other sweet peppers, (3 specimens, leave 1/2" - 1" stem)
- 9032 Potatoes, red (5 specimens, can be washed but do not scrub)
- 9033 Potatoes, russet (5 specimens, can be washed but do not scrub)
- 9034 Potatoes, white (5 specimens, can be washed but do not scrub)
- 9035 Potatoes, other (5 specimens, can be washed but do not scrub)
- 9036 Pumpkin, field type (1 specimen with 1" - 1 1/2" stem)
- 9037 Pumpkin, largest by weight and an acceptable degree of quality (1 specimen with 1" - 1 1/2" stem)
- 9038 Pumpkin, small, less than 4" in diameter (3 specimens with 1/2" stem)
- 9039 Pumpkin, most unusual (5 entries per chapter)
- 9040 Rhubarb (5 stalks, pulled from ground, with the leaf cut in a 2 inch fan)
- 9041 Squash, acorn (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
- 9042 Squash, butternut (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
- 9043 Squash, zucchini (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
- 9044 Squash, yellow, straight neck, (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
- 9045 Squash, yellow, crooked neck, (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
- 9046 Squash, any other variety (2 specimens, leave 1" stem)
- 9047 Sweet corn, (3 ears, do not remove husks, trim silk to within 1" of top of husk, 1" - 2" long shank)
- 9048 Sweet potatoes, red gold (5 specimens, can be washed, do not scrub)
- 9049 Sweet potatoes, yellow (5 specimens, can be washed, do not scrub)
- 9050 Tomatoes, red (5 specimens, with 3/4" or larger stem)
- 9051 Tomatoes, yellow (5 specimens, with 3/4" or larger stem)
- 9052 Tomatoes, cherry (10 specimens, 1 1/2" or less in diameter, with 1/2" or longer stem)
- 9053 Tomatoes, Roma (5 specimens, 3/4" stem)
- 9054 Tomatoes, other tomatoes, slicer (5 specimens, 3/4" stem)

- 9055 Turnips (3 specimens, 1 ½ - 2" top)
- 9056 Watermelon, oblong type (1 specimen)
- 9057 Watermelon, round type (1 specimen)
- 9058 Watermelon, largest by weight and an acceptable degree of quality (1 specimen)
- 9059 Other vegetables
- 9060 Other fruits

Class 2 – Home and Garden Food Basket Display

This exhibit is a quality selection of 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.

Any combination of vegetables and fruits of any kind may be used. The exhibit must be arranged 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 Plant

FFA members may exhibit a maximum of 10 entries from Class 3 (House Plants) with a maximum of 1 entry per sub-class.

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.

One container per entry, with saucers, if there is a drainage hole in container. No watering without a saucer.

House Plant will be judged on the following criteria:

- Color
- Condition
- Foliage and/or flower
- Correct name
- Culture
- Perfection
- Quality
- Maturity
- Shape

Plants should be properly prepared meaning 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. Plants may only be cleaned with water. Plants should be free of diseases, insect damage, insects, wax, or any artificial additives.

A label with ¼” text height or greater is to be staked into the soil including the following information:

- cultural instructions of how you grew this plant
- water requirements (such as dry, semi-dry, damp)
- life requirements (sun, semi-shade, shade)
- how this plant was propagated (bought, stem cutting, leaf cutting, seed, etc.)

Plants without the above information will not be evaluated. Label may not be of such a size as to obscure viewing of plant. Broad information such as "Water when dry" is not explicit enough for these requirements.

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 Terrarium/Dish Gardens
- 9157 Any Other

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. The materials may be purchased or grown by the exhibitor.

- 9200 Floral, fresh cut flowers/foilage in a bud vase (no more than three flowers)
- 9201 Floral, fresh cut flowers/foilage (more than three flowers)
- 9202 Floral, dried flower/foilage
- 9203 Floral, artificial flowers/foilage
- 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

Themed arrangements may be fresh, dried, 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:

- Form
- Color
- Size
- Stem and foliage
- Substance
- Condition
- Grooming

- 9330 Asters (3 blooms)
- 9331 Bachelor Buttons (5 blooms)
- 9332 Bells of Ireland (3 stems)
- 9333 Celosia, feather/plume (3 spikes)
- 9334 Celosia, crested/cockscumb (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

All herbs will be five stems freshly cut from the garden and displayed in a vase of water. Herbs will be judged in the following criteria:

- Color
- Size
- Aroma
- Form
- Condition
- Grooming
- Shape
- Free of insect and disease damage

- 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

- 9500 Horticulture board – 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

Apiculture

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.

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

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

<u>Extracted Honey</u>	
Appearance & uniformity of containers	5
Uniformity & accurate volume of honey	5
Freedom from crystals	10
Freedom from impurities, including froth	20
Uniform honey in all containers of the entry	5
Color	10
Brightness	10
Flavor & aroma	15
Density, no additional points below 16% moisture	20
TOTAL POINTS	100

Class 9 – Creamed Honey

Entries shall consist of (4) 1-pound glass jars. Cylindrical jars are preferred.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

<u>Creamed Honey</u>	
Appearance & uniformity of containers	5
Uniformity & accurate volume of honey	5
Firmness of set (not runny but spreadable)	20
Texture of granulation (smooth & fine)	20
Absence of impurities, including froth	15
Uniform honey in all containers of the entry	10
Color	10
Flavor & aroma (undamaged by heat, smoke, etc.)	15
TOTAL POINTS	100

Class 10 – Chunk Comb Honey

Entries shall consist of (4) 1-pound glass jars. Cylindrical jars are preferred.

Entries shall be judged on the following criteria:

<u>Chunk Comb Honey</u>	
Uniformity/cleanliness/general appearance	30
Freedom from impurities & granulation	20
Quality of the liquid honey	25
Quality & neatness of comb honey	20
Uniform & accurate volume of honey	5
TOTAL POINTS	<u>100</u>

Class 11 – Cut Comb Honey

Entries shall consist of (4) 12-ounce combs in plastic boxes.

Entries shall be judged on the following criteria:

<u>Cut Comb Honey in Plastic Box</u>	
Accuracy & neatness of cut edges of comb	20
Uniform depth & filling of honey cells	20
Complete, uniform & clean cappings	20
Quality, quantity & uniformity of honey	20
Freedom from leakage & general appearance of pack	20
TOTAL POINTS	<u>100</u>

Class 12 – Section Comb Honey

Entries shall consist of one of the following options

- (4) wood sections packaged in cardboard-cellophane window cartons
- (4) round sections with clear covers and labels
- (4) half-combed cassettes

Entries shall be judged on the following criteria:

<u>Section Comb Honey (wood or round)</u>	
Suitability, uniformity & cleanliness of sections	15
Completeness, uniformity & cleanliness of capping	30
Uniform & completely filled honey cells	30
Quality & uniformity of honey	15
Weight & completeness of attachment of comb	10
TOTAL POINTS	<u>100</u>

Class 13 – Beeswax Candles

Entries shall consist of a pair of beeswax candles that are either molded or dipped.

<u>Beeswax Candles</u>	
Color between straw & canary yellow	25
Cleanliness (free from honey & impurities)	25
Freedom from cracking, shrinking & marks	25
Neatness of workmanship	<u>25</u>
TOTAL POINTS	100

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 explain beekeeping or skills of a beekeeper to manager a hive throughout the year.

<u>Beekeeping Story</u>	
Originality	25
Technical merit	25
Educational merit	25
Display Captions	<u>25</u>
TOTAL POINTS	100

Appendix A: Nebraska State Fair 2021 General Livestock Rules and Regulations

Updated April 19, 2021. See Nebraska State Fair website for most up-to-date rules and regulations information.

- 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 (Ag Director, Executive Director, Chair of the Ag Committee, FFA Superintendent, and 4-H Program Leader) 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 (NALS/RMA) 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, 2021.** 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 livestock 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 an Open class after the August 10 closing date may do so with a double entry fee 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, 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 Ag Director. Additionally, all 4H/FFA sheep/goats may be checked for club lamb fungus at any time of the fair. All market lambs and goats must 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, judges 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.**

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. Nebraska 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 ineligible from market competition. Furthermore, the Official State Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with Nebraska 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. 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 result for the presence of a substance that exceeds allowable limits set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for class and species of animals, 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. 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 tailheads, 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 Swine 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 FDA and/or USDA for animals to be harvested, including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

APPROVED DRUG USE: Any drug test that indicates a result for the presence of a substance that exceeds allowable limits set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for class and species of animals, 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. 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, assessment of carcass disposal fees, 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 the Nebraska State Fair Management Team. 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 NALSARMA. The exhibitor acknowledges that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSARMA.

The State Fair reserves the right to refuse the entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of 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. WHOLESOME 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.

27. 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.

28. 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.

***29 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.

30. 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 and trimming stands are required to have a permit. Permits should be purchased at the time or pre-entry but may also be purchased at the Livestock Check-In Trailer.** 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.

31. 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, 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.

32. 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.**

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

34. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS:

As a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), the Nebraska State Fair follows the National Code of Show Ring Ethics and uses that code as a governing philosophy for all shows hosted during the fair. For more information, please refer to the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics document on the Nebraska State Fair website.

35. 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 Ag Director. 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 the Nebraska State Fair Management Team. This complaint, along with supporting documents, will be submitted to the Ag Director 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 Ag Director 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 Final Drive. Once an animal/exhibit reaches championship judging, NO protests will be accepted. Any decision rendered by the Ag Director and Executive Director based upon the review and proposed decision of the neutral panel shall be deemed a final decision.

36. 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 be kept clear at all times. 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!

37. 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.

38. 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.

39. 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 the Nebraska State Fair Staff. 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.

B. INTERPRETATION OF RULES: The FFA and 4-H divisions will refer the Nebraska State Fair Management Team (Ag Director, Executive Director, Chair of the Ag Committee, FFA Livestock Superintendent, and 4-H Program Leader) for 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, dogs, 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 June 15 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 — Only bona fide Nebraska FFA members that have paid dues shall be eligible for FFA Division entries. Members may retain their active membership until the 30th day of November following the fourth National FFA Convention which occurs after the member graduates from or leaves high school. There will be no discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

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 June 15 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 by June 15. Refer to the [Nebraska 4-H website](#) and [Nebraska FFA website](#) for additional information regarding identification requirements.

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 submission in the Show Stock Manager website. 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 at the Aksarben Stock Show by June 15 in order to be exhibited at the State Fair. All animals must be nominated online in Show Stock Manager by June 15.

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 by June 22.

H. 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).

I. 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 CHECK WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL A COMPLETED W-9 FORM IS IN THE LIVESTOCK OFFICE.

J. 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.

K. 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.

L. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS: All youth enrolled in livestock projects must complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) or testing through a Nebraska Extension program or high school agriculture education program prior to the fair. Program attendance or completion of a test in the county extension office is required. Completion of training will be certified by an FFA advisor or county extension staff.

M. 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 of the fair. All market lambs and goats must 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.

N. 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.

1.) All 4-H 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.

2.) All FFA livestock shows will allow fitting of animals with adhesives, glues, paints and powdered products. However, any fitting practices that would violate the unethical fitting clause as defined in Rule 24 are strictly prohibited.

***O. 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 and Trimming Stands: – All 4-H/FFA blocking chutes and trimming stands are required to have a permit. Permits should be purchased at the time of pre-entry but may also be purchased at the Livestock Check-In Trailer.

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. 4-H and FFA NEBRASKA STATE FAIR DRUG RESIDUE, DRUG TESTING AND SHOW ETHICS POLICY:

1. 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/premium 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 drug and chemical residue that exceeds allowable limits set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for class and species of animals.
2. Any medication administered prior to the Nebraska State Fair should be disclosed on the Nebraska State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure and submitted during check-in.
3. 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.
4. All animals must arrive and remain at the State Fairgrounds free and clear of any violative drug and chemical residues. 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 ineligible 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. 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.
5. 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.
6. The Nebraska State Fair may impound any animal for testing. Refusing such tests shall be 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.
7. The Nebraska State Fair may test any 4-H or FFA market animal DNA sample collected at the Nebraska State Fair against the DNA submitted by the exhibitor as part of the 4-H/FFA state fair animal nomination process. It is a violation if a DNA sample collected at the Nebraska State Fair does not match the DNA sample submitted by the exhibitor as part of the animal nomination process. 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 envelope.
8. 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 Final Selection 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, assessment of carcass disposal fees and may be barred from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair.
9. 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.
10. 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.
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 disclosed 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 prohibits the use of certain drugs, families of drugs, and substances for extra label animal uses. Therefore, notwithstanding the above, it is a violation, with an increased penalty, if a market animal tests “positive” (not quantitative test) for any of these prohibited drugs or drug families. Please refer to one of the following website for clarification: <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-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and pain killers.
 - e. Unethical Fitting and Grooming Practices: It is 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 animals’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 registration 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. Sanctions: In the event of a violation, the exhibitor may be subject to the sanctions including, but not limited to the following:
- a. Disqualification of the animal.
 - b. Forfeiture of all monetary awards including premium proceeds associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair. The exhibitor also forfeits rights to any product resulting there from.
 - c. Return of all trophies and non-monetary awards associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
 - d. Forfeiture of all titles associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
 - e. A ban from competing in any competitive event at the Nebraska State Fair in future years.