

2025 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

FFA Entry Information Book

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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 Chapters with students exhibiting at the Nebraska 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.

Animals exhibited in 4-H at the Nebraska State Fair are not eligible for showing in the FFA show at the Nebraska State Fair. If animals are entered in both, they may only be shown in one. An animal that is exhibited during the 4-H portion of the Nebraska State Fair and is entered for the FFA show will be disqualified for the FFA show.

Ownership is solely that of the registered exhibitor and/or immediate family. Animals nominated for state fair may not be shown by any other non-family members after the nomination deadline. This includes jackpot/progress shows, county fairs and state fairs. Any infraction of this rule will result in automatic disqualification and revoking of premiums of any animals that do not meet ownership requirements

Static Entries:

Students are highly encouraged to showcase their classroom and SAE works at the Nebraska State Fair. All static exhibitors will receive a t-shirt and day pass to the fair. To receive a day pass contact the Box Office at 308-384-0151 to reserve your tickets.

Nebraska State Fair FFA websites:

www.neaged.org/ffa_events/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 2025 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, sheep, goats, and swine must have the correct identification in place, DNA samples collected and information submitted into the Show Stock Manager Website. 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 10 - Online registration for FFA Static entries opens

August 20 @ 8:00 p.m. – Online registration deadline for Nebraska State Fair static exhibits.

August 20 – 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 – Check-in Friday, August 29, 3:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Static Exhibits – Check-in (Cont.)..... Saturday, August 30, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Static Exhibits – Released..... Monday, September 1, 1:00 p.m - 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
Beef – Arrival beginning Friday, August 29, Noon
Beef – Bulls Check-inSaturday, August 30, 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Beef – Market, Feeder, & Breeding Check-in.....Saturday, August 30, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Beef – Weigh Cards AcceptedSaturday, August 30, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Beef – Must be in placeSaturday, August 30, 6:00 p.m.
Beef – Showmanship Sunday, August 31, 8:30 a.m.
Beef – Breeding ShowSunday, August 31, after Showmanship
Beef – Breeding ReleaseSunday, August 31, 6:00 p.m.
Beef – Feeder Calf Show.....Monday, September 1, 9:30 a.m.
Beef – Market Show.....Monday, September 1, after Feeder Calf Show
Beef – Parade of Champions and Champion Selection..... Monday, September 1, 3:30 p.m.
Beef – Released Monday, September 1, 1:00 p.m.
Swine – Must be in place Sunday, August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Swine – Weigh Cards Accepted.....Sunday, August 31, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Swine – Showmanship.....Sunday, August 31, 1:30 p.m.
Swine – Breeding Show.....Sunday, August 31, after Showmanship
Swine – Market Show.....Monday, September 1, 8:30 a.m.
Swine – Parade of Champions and Champion Selection..... Monday, September 1, 3:30 p.m.
Swine – Released..... Monday, September 1, 1:00 p.m.
Sheep – Must be in place Saturday, August 30, 8:00 p.m.
Sheep – Check-in and Weigh-in.....Saturday, August 30, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sheep – Showmanship.....Sunday, August 31, 12:30 p.m.
Sheep – Breeding Show.....Sunday, August 31, after Showmanship
Sheep – Market Show..... Monday, September 1, 8:30 a.m.
Sheep – Parade of Champions and Champion Selection Monday, September 1, 3:30 p.m.
Sheep – Released..... Monday, September 1, 1:00 p.m.
Sheep – Optional Sold Market Load-out.....Monday, September 1, TBA
Goats – Must be in place Sunday, August 31, 9:00 a.m.

Goats – Check-in and Weigh-in..... Sunday, August 31, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 Goats – Showmanship.....Sunday, August 31, 3:00 p.m.
 Goats – Breeding Show.....Sunday, August 31, after Showmanship
 Goats – Market Show.....Monday, September 1, 11:30 a.m.
 Goats – Parade of Champions and Champion Selection Monday, September 1, 3:30 p.m.
 Goats – Released..... Monday, September 1, 1:00 p.m.
 Goats – Optional Sold Market Load-out.....Monday, September 1, TBA
 Poultry – Move-in and Check-in..... Saturday, August 30, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 Poultry – Show.....Saturday, August 30, 12:00 p.m.
 Poultry - Released.....Poultry are released at conclusion of show
 Rabbit – Move-in and Check-in.....Saturday, August 31, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 Rabbit – Show.....Saturday, August 31, following Poultry
 Rabbit - Released..... Rabbits are released at the conclusion of show
 Livestock Release Monday, September 1, 1:00 p.m.

FFA Specific Rules

1. Membership Verification and Eligibility

To exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair – FFA division, exhibitors must be dues paying members and meet all membership requirements.

Current and Incoming Members

If a current FFA member is on the 2024-2025 FFA roster, that individual does NOT need to be early added to next year’s roster prior to exhibiting at the 2025 State Fair. Any incoming new member, including 7th and 8th grade members, must be added to the 2025-2026 chapter roster between August 6-15, 2025 in order to exhibit. This rule applies to any new member, including high school grades. Incoming 6th graders are NOT eligible to exhibit in the FFA Division of the Nebraska State Fair.

Out of School Members

Out of school FFA members are eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair through the fourth state fair after high school graduation – which aligns with National FFA membership requirements. For the 2025 State Fair, an out of school member could have graduated in 2025, 2024, 2023 or 2022. An out of school member who was on the 2024-2025 membership roster does NOT need to be early added to the 2025-2026 roster prior to the 2025 State Fair. If that member is eligible to exhibit in future years, they must be added to the chapter roster in the fall of 2025. If an out of school member is in their last year of eligibility (graduated in 2022) they may exhibit at the state fair without additional membership requirements.

Student	Status	Action Required for 2025 State Fair
Active Member	On 2024-2025 roster	NONE
New member (any grade level – including incoming 7 th and 8 th)	Currently not on chapter roster	Early add to 2025-2026 roster between August 6- 15 th
Out of School Member	Graduated in 2022, 2023, 2024 or 2025 and currently on roster (2024-2025 year)	NONE
Incoming 6 th grade students	NOT ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT	

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.

Static entries without entry cards will not be judged. Static entries with handwritten changes on the entry card will not be judged. All entry changes must be communicated with the Technology Superintendent to verify eligibility of entry changes. Once verified, a new entry card will be printed for the exhibit.

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 Nebraska 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 \$2.50 per entry
Sheep \$22.50 per entry
Beef \$50.00 per entry
Swine \$22.50 per entry
Goats \$22.50 per entry
Poultry \$5.00 per entry
Rabbit \$5.00 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 include but are not limited to trophies, banners, rosettes, apparel, and cash prizes.

All FFA livestock terminal champions are awarded additional premium money, sponsored by the Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation.

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 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, 6 swine animals, 8 goat animals, 8 sheep animals, 5 rabbits, and 5 poultry animals.

6. 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 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 provided by other exhibitors, family members, etc.

Livestock exhibited in the showmanship classes must be owned and entered by the showmanship exhibitor. Animals exhibited in 4-H Nebraska State Fair Shows are not eligible in the FFA shows of Nebraska State Fair, and may not be shown in FFA showmanship

Animals exhibited in showmanship that are not entered for the FFA show, such as animals entered only in Open Class, are ineligible to be used in FFA showmanship. Doing so will result in forfeit of premium and ineligibility of final drive if the exhibitor had previously qualified. Exhibitors not adhering to this rule may be disqualified from the showmanship competition in future years.

A Grand Champion Showman is ineligible to compete again in the 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.

7. 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 2025
Nov thru Dec 2024
Sept thru Oct 2024
July thru Aug 2024
May thru June 2024
Mar thru April 2024
Jan thru Feb 2024

Heifers

Jan thru April 2025
Nov thru Dec 2024
Sept thru Oct 2024
July thru Aug 2024
May thru June 2024
Mar thru April 2024
Jan thru Feb 2024
July thru Dec 2023
Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

3. Sheep

Ewes

Lamb (dropped after 9/30/2024)
Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
Ewe (dropped before 10/1/2023)

Rams

Lamb (dropped after 9/30/2024)
Yearling (10/1/23 – 9/30/2024)

4. Goats

Kids (dropped after 9/30/2024)
Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
Doe (dropped before 10/1/2023)

Department 2 – Beef

A student may show no more than 6 beef animals. Top animals will be placed first, second, third and down the line in classes. The top two or three will compete for champion, reserve and third, if deemed worthy by the judge, in divisions where a top 3 or top 5 is selected.

FFA beef blocking chutes require a permit that can be purchased during entry. Extra stalls may also be purchased during entry.

An exhibitor must have proper registration papers and entry verified with the FFA Beef team 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. Registration papers must be in the exhibitor, family or ranch name.

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 or as a Feeder Calf, heifer or steer. The same calf may not be shown as both a breeding animal and feeder calf. A separate entry 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, except calves born in the current year, must be shown with a nose lead. Bulls must always be 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, 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 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.

After each breed division champion and reserve has been selected in the bulls, the grand and reserve champions from those divisions will compete for the top three overall bulls. After each breed division champion, reserve and possibly third overall at the judge’s discretion will compete for the top 5 overall breeding heifers.

Angus

Must be registered in the American Angus Association.

Angus Bulls

2000 Jan thru April 2025
2001 Nov thru Dec 2024
2002 Sept thru Oct 2024
2003 July thru Aug 2024
2004 May thru June 2024
2005 Mar thru April 2024

Angus Heifers

2007 Jan thru April 2025
2008 Nov thru Dec 2024
2009 Sept thru Oct 2024
2010 July thru Aug 2024
2011 May thru June 2024
2012 Mar thru April 2024

2006 Jan thru Feb 2024

2013 Jan thru Feb 2024

2014 July thru Dec 2023

2015 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Charolais

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

Charolais Bulls

2040 Jan thru April 2025

2041 Nov thru Dec 2024

2042 Sept thru Oct 2024

2043 July thru Aug 2024

2044 May thru June 2024

2045 Mar thru April 2024

2046 Jan thru Feb 2024

Charolais Heifers

2047 Jan thru April 2025

2048 Nov thru Dec 2024

2049 Sept thru Oct 2024

2050 July thru Aug 2024

2051 May thru June 2024

2052 Mar thru April 2024

2053 Jan thru Feb 2024

2054 July thru Dec 2023

2055 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Composite Charolais

Composite Charolais Heifers-These heifers must have an AICA Charolais-Cross Record and must be at least 50% or more Charolais influence, i.e. be sired by a registered purebred Charolais bull or be out of a registered purebred Charolais female.

Composite Charolais Bulls

2080 Jan thru April 2025

2081 Nov thru Dec 2024

2082 Sept thru Oct 2024

2083 July thru Aug 2024

2084 May thru June 2024

2085 Mar thru April 2024

2086 Jan thru Feb 2024

Composite Charolais Heifers

2087 Jan thru April 2025

2088 Nov thru Dec 2024

2089 Sept thru Oct 2024

2090 July thru Aug 2024

2091 May thru June 2024

2092 Mar thru April 2024

2093 Jan thru Feb 2024

2094 July thru Dec 2023

2095 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Chianina

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

Chianina Bulls

2060 Jan thru April 2025

2061 Nov thru Dec 2024

2062 Sept thru Oct 2024

2063 July thru Aug 2024

2064 May thru June 2024

2065 Mar thru April 2024

2066 Jan thru Feb 2024

Chianina Heifers

2067 Jan thru April 2025

2068 Nov thru Dec 2024

2069 Sept thru Oct 2024

2070 July thru Aug 2024

2071 May thru June 2024

2072 Mar thru April 2024

2073 Jan thru Feb 2024

2074 July thru Dec 2023

2075 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Gelbvieh

Must be registered in the American Gelbvieh Association.

Gelbvieh Bulls

2100 Jan thru April 2025
2101 Nov thru Dec 2024
2102 Sept thru Oct 2024
2103 July thru Aug 2024
2104 May thru June 2024
2105 Mar thru April 2024
2106 Jan thru Feb 2024

Gelbvieh Heifers

2107 Jan thru April 2025
2108 Nov thru Dec 2024
2109 Sept thru Oct 2024
2110 July thru Aug 2024
2111 May thru June 2024
2112 Mar thru April 2024
2113 Jan thru Feb 2024
2114 July thru Dec 2023
2115 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Balancer

Must be registered with the American Gelbvieh Association and be 25%-70% Gelbvieh and 30%-75% Red Angus or Angus with a maximum 12.5% unknown or some other breed.

Balancer Bulls

2120 Jan thru April 2025
2121 Nov thru Dec 2024
2122 Sept thru Oct 2024
2123 July thru Aug 2024
2124 May thru June 2024
2125 Mar thru April 2024
2126 Jan thru Feb 2024

Balancer Heifers

2127 Jan thru April 2025
2128 Nov thru Dec 2024
2129 Sept thru Oct 2024
2130 July thru Aug 2024
2131 May thru June 2024
2132 Mar thru April 2024
2133 Jan thru Feb 2024
2134 July thru Dec 2023
2135 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Horned & Polled Hereford

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

Horned & Polled Hereford Bulls

2160 Jan thru April 2025

Horned & Polled Hereford Heifers

2167 Jan thru April 2025
2161 Nov thru Dec 2024
2168 Nov thru Dec 2024
2162 Sept thru Oct 2024
2169 Sept thru Oct 2024
2163 July thru Aug 2024
2170 July thru Aug 2024
2164 May thru June 2024
2171 May thru June 2024
2165 Mar thru April 2024
2172 Mar thru April 2024
2166 Jan thru Feb 2024
2173 Jan thru Feb 2024
2174 July thru Dec 2023
2175 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Limousin

Must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation.

Limousin Bulls

2140 Jan thru April 2025
2141 Nov thru Dec 2024
2142 Sept thru Oct 2024
2143 July thru Aug 2024
2144 May thru June 2024
2145 Mar thru April 2024
2146 Jan thru Feb 2024

Limousin Heifers

2147 Jan thru April 2025
2148 Nov thru Dec 2024
2149 Sept thru Oct 2024
2150 July thru Aug 2024
2151 May thru June 2024
2152 Mar thru April 2024
2152 Jan thru Feb 2024
2154 July thru Dec 2023
2155 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

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 2025
2181 Nov thru Dec 2024
2182 Sept thru Oct 2024
2183 July thru Aug 2024
2184 May thru June 2024
2185 Mar thru April 2024
2186 Jan thru Feb 2024

Limflex Heifers

2187 Jan thru April 2025
2188 Nov thru Dec 2024
2189 Sept thru Oct 2024
2190 July thru Aug 2024
2191 May thru June 2024
2192 Mar thru April 2024
2193 Jan thru Feb 2024
2194 July thru Dec 2023
2195 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2023)

Maine-Anjou

Must be registered with the American Maine-Anjou Association and must be 75% Maine and above. Chimaine are not accepted.

Maine-Anjou Bulls

2200 Jan thru April 2025
2201 Nov thru Dec 2024
2202 Sept thru Oct 2024
2203 July thru Aug 2024
2204 May thru June 2024
2205 Mar thru April 2024
2206 Jan thru Feb 2024

Maine-Anjou Heifers

2207 Jan thru April 2025
2208 Nov thru Dec 2024
2209 Sept thru Oct 2024
2210 July thru Aug 2024
2211 May thru June 2024
2212 Mar thru April 2024
2213 Jan thru Feb 2024
2214 July thru Dec 2023
2215 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Maintainer

Must be registered with the American Maine-Anjou Association and be 25 to 62.5% Maine-Anjou.

Maintainer Bulls

2240 Jan thru April 2025
2241 Nov thru Dec 2024
2242 Sept thru Oct 2024
2243 July thru Aug 2024
2244 May thru June 2024
2245 Mar thru April 2024
2246 Jan thru Feb 2024

Maintainer Heifers

2247 Jan thru April 2025
2248 Nov thru Dec 2024
2249 Sept thru Oct 2024
2250 July thru Aug 2024
2251 May thru June 2024
2252 Mar thru April 2024
2253 Jan thru Feb 2024
2254 July thru Dec 2023
2255 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Miniature

Miniature Bulls

2220 Jan thru April 2025
2221 Nov thru Dec 2024
2222 Sept thru Oct 2024
2223 July thru Aug 2024
2224 May thru June 2024
2225 Mar thru April 2024
2226 Jan thru Feb 2024

Miniature Heifers

2227 Jan thru April 2025
2228 Nov thru Dec 2024
2229 Sept thru Oct 2024
2230 July thru Aug 2024
2231 May thru June 2024
2232 Mar thru April 2024
2233 Jan thru Feb 2024
2234 July thru Dec 2023
2235 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Red Angus

Must be registered with the Red Angus Association of America.

Red Angus Bulls

2260 Jan thru April 2025
2261 Nov thru Dec 2024
2262 Sept thru Oct 2024
2263 July thru Aug 2024
2264 May thru June 2024
2265 Mar thru April 2024
2266 Jan thru Feb 2024

Red Angus Heifers

2267 Jan thru April 2025
2268 Nov thru Dec 2024
2269 Sept thru Oct 2024
2270 July thru Aug 2024
2271 May thru June 2024
2272 Mar thru April 2024
2273 Jan thru Feb 2024
2274 July thru Dec 2023
2275 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Shorthorn

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

Shorthorn Bulls

2280 Jan thru April 2025
2281 Nov thru Dec 2024
2282 Sept thru Oct 2024
2283 July thru Aug 2024
2284 May thru June 2024
2285 Mar thru April 2024
2286 Jan thru Feb 2024

Shorthorn Heifers

2287 Jan thru April 2025
2288 Nov thru Dec 2024
2289 Sept thru Oct 2024
2290 July thru Aug 2024
2291 May thru June 2024
2292 Mar thru April 2024
2293 Jan thru Feb 2024
2294 July thru Dec 2023

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 2025
- 2301 Nov thru Dec 2024
- 2302 Sept thru Oct 2024
- 2303 July thru Aug 2024
- 2304 May thru June 2024
- 2305 Mar thru April 2024
- 2306 Jan thru Feb 2024

Shorthorn Plus Heifers

- 2310 Jan thru April 2025
- 2311 Nov thru Dec 2024
- 2312 Sept thru Oct 2024
- 2313 July thru Aug 2024
- 2314 May thru June 2024
- 2315 Mar thru April 2024
- 2316 Jan thru Feb 2024
- 2317 July thru Dec 2023
- 2318 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Simmental

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

Simmental Bulls

- 2320 Jan thru April 2025
- 2321 Nov thru Dec 2024
- 2322 Sept thru Oct 2024
- 2323 July thru Aug 2024
- 2324 May thru June 2024
- 2325 Mar thru April 2024
- 2326 Jan thru Feb 2024

Simmental Heifers

- 2327 Jan thru April 2025
- 2328 Nov thru Dec 2024
- 2329 Sept thru Oct 2024
- 2330 July thru Aug 2024
- 2331 May thru June 2024
- 2332 Mar thru April 2024
- 2333 Jan thru Feb 2024
- 2334 July thru Dec 2023
- 2335 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Foundational Simmental

Must be registered with the American Simmental Association and must be 50%-75% Simmental.

Foundation Simmental Bulls

- 2340 Jan thru April 2025

Jan thru Feb 2024

Foundation Simmental Heifers

- 2347 Jan thru April 2025
- 2341 Nov thru Dec 2024
- 2348 Nov thru Dec 2024
- 2342 Sept thru Oct 2024
- 2349 Sept thru Oct 2024
- 2343 July thru Aug 2024
- 2350 July thru Aug 2024
- 2344 May thru June 2024
- 2351 May thru June 2024
- 2345 Mar thru April 2024
- 2352 Mar thru April 2024 2346
- 2353 Jan thru Feb 2024
- 2354 July thru Dec 2023
- 2355 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

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 2025
2361 Nov thru Dec 2024
2362 Sept thru Oct 2024
2363 July thru Aug 2024
2364 May thru June 2024
2365 Mar thru April 2024
2366 Jan thru Feb 2024

AOB Heifers

2367 Jan thru April 2025
2368 Nov thru Dec 2024
2369 Sept thru Oct 2024
2370 July thru Aug 2024
2371 May thru June 2024
2372 Mar thru April 2024
2373 Jan thru Feb 2024
2374 July thru Dec 2023
2375 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2025)

Commercial (Heifers)

2300 Jan thru April 2025
2301 Nov thru Dec 2024
2302 Sept thru Oct 2024
2303 July thru Aug 2024
2304 May thru June 2024
2305 Mar thru April 2024
2306 Jan thru Feb 2024
2307 Cow/Calf (calved prior to 6/15/2024)

Market Beef

The Nebraska State Fair is a terminal show for the Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef animals only. There will not be an option to send any other beef animals to market at the fair. Champion 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 six divisions: Crossbred Market Heifers, Division 1 Crossbred Market Steers, Division 2 Crossbred Market Steers and Division Crossbred 3 Market Steers, Registered Continental Market Beef (steers and heifers), Registered British Market Beef (steers and heifers). All six division champions, reserves and possibly third place divisions at the judge's discretion will then compete for the selection of a top five overall market animals.

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 of 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 5% weight variance 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.

2401 Registered Continental Market Beef (steers and heifers)

2402 Registered British Market Heifers (steers and heifers)

2403 Crossbred Market Heifer

2404 Crossbred Market Steer

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 5% will be lowered a ribbon placing.

Feeder heifers will show before feeder steers. At the judge's discretion, the top 2 or 3 from each class will compete for division selections and the top 2 or 3 from each division will compete for a top three overall.

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

Department 3 – Swine

A student may show no more than 6 swine animals. Top animals will be placed first, second, and third. The top two to three will compete for champion, reserve champion and third overall in division, at the discretion of the judge. Ultimately, a top five in both breeding and market will be selected.

An exhibitor must have proper registration papers and entry form cleared with the FFA Swine Superintendent before any animal will be shown in the registered breed division. Registration papers, entry forms, and EID tags/ear notches will be checked and verified at check-in time. Any animal not meeting registered breed requirements will be shown in the crossbred division. Registration papers should be in the exhibitor's name, an immediate family member's name or a farm name. Registration papers in a non-immediate family name or that include other non-family members' names will not be allowed.

Each exhibitor is allowed one pen for 2 animals. No tack pens will be assigned with stalling, but exhibitors have the opportunity to purchase extra pen space during the state fair pre-entry window.

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 which 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 animal shown during the 4-H portion of the state fair is also ineligible and shall not be used in a showmanship contest.

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 in the exhibitors name, 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 of 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 5% variance from the declared weight to the actual weight on show day to account for scale differences. Any hog that exceeds the 5% 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 exhibitors of animals and classes in which they are to be shown.

Market Swine

The Nebraska State Fair is a terminal show for the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Swine animals only. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will be drug tested and DNA checked after the selection. There are no lower or upper weight limits for market swine as determination of market readiness will be made at the judge's discretion. Following the selection of the Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt and Barrow as well as Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt and Barrow, all four division champions, reserve champions and possibly third place division animals at the judge's discretion will compete for the selection of the top five overall market 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 Yorkshire Gilt
3302 Hampshire Barrow	3702 Yorkshire Barrow
3801 Tamworth Gilt	3803 Other Breeds Gilt
3802 Tamworth Barrow	3804 Other Breeds Barrow

Crossbred

- 3901 Crossbred Gilt
- 3902 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 may be identified with a permanent marking to identify them as a breeding gilt. 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 exhibitors of animals and classes in which they are to be shown. After all breed divisions have been selected, the top 2 or 3 animals from each division at the judge's discretion will compete for the top 5 overall breeding gilts.

Purebred

- 3603 Purebred Berkshire Gilt
- 3604 Purebred Chester White Gilt
- 3605 Purebred Duroc Gilt
- 3606 Purebred Hampshire Gilt
- 3607 Purebred Hereford Gilt
- 3608 Purebred Poland China Gilt
- 3609 Purebred Spotted Gilt
- 3610 Purebred Yorkshire Gilt
- 3611 Purebred Tamworth Gilt
- 3612 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

Department 4 – Sheep

Exhibitors may show no more than 8 sheep. Scrapie tags must be in all sheep. Top animals will be placed first, second, and third. The top two or three will compete for champion, reserve champion and third place division at the judge's discretion. Those animals will then compete for the top five overall in market and breeding ewes.

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

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 of 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 into 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 may be weighed on show day to verify weight. FFA will allow a 5% variance from the declared weight to the actual weight on show day to account for scale differences. Any lamb that exceeds the 5% weight allowance will be lowered a ribbon placing and ineligible to compete for championships.

Breeding Sheep

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. The flock registration must also be filled out in ShoWorks but will not count against the exhibitor as one of their 8 sheep entries.

At the judges discretion, the grand champion, reserve champion and possibly third overall from the ewe divisions will compete for the selection of the top 5 overall breeding ewes. Commercial ewe lambs may be split into divisions. The division champions and reserve champions from the ram divisions will compete for the selection of the top 3 overall breeding rams.

Breeding Ewes

Dorset

4101 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/2024)
4102 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
4103 Ewe (dropped before 10/1/2023)
4104 Flock

Shropshire

4301 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/2024)
4302 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
4303 Ewe (dropped before 10/1/2023)
4304 Flock

Suffolk

4501 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/2024)
4502 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
4503 Ewe (dropped before 10/1/2023)
4504 Flock

Commercial

4001 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/2024)
4002 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
4003 Ewe (dropped before 10/1/2023)
4004 Flock

Rams

Dorset

4106 Lamb
4107 Yearling

Shropshire

4306 Lamb
4307 Yearling

Suffolk

4506 Lamb
4507 Yearling

Commercial

4006 Lamb
4007 Yearling

Hampshire

4201 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/2024)
4202 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
4203 Ewe (dropped before 10/1/2023)
4204 Flock

Southdown

4401 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/2024)
4402 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
4403 Ewe (dropped before 10/1/2023)
4404 Flock

Other Registered Breeds

4601 Lamb (dropped after 9/30/2024)
4602 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
4603 Ewe (dropped before 10/1/2023)
4604 Flock

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

4700 Crossbred Market Ewe

4701 Crossbred Market Wether

4702 White Face Influence Market Lamb

4703 Hair Breed Influence 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

Department 5 – Goats

Exhibitors may show no more than 8 goats. Scrapie tags must be in all goats. Top animals will be placed first, second, and third. At the judges discretion, the top or possibly three animals will compete for champion, reserve and possibly third overall in each division. The judge will select a top five overall breeding doe and market goat.

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 goats entered at registration for the Nebraska State Fair. If an animal is not listed in ShoWorks because proper validation and nomination procedures were not followed, this animal would not be eligible to show. A doe kid may be identified as both a market and breeding doe and a doe only identified as market in the Show Stock Manager with a DNA envelope would still be eligible for breeding; however, a doe kid shown as a breeding doe at the State Fair would not be eligible for the market class and vice versa.

Breeding Goats

Kids must show eight (8) kid teeth only.

Breeding Does

Boer Other

5201 Kid (dropped after 9/30/2024)
5202 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
5203 Doe (dropped before 10/1/2023)

Registered Breeds

5204 Kid (dropped after 9/30/2024)
5205 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
5206 Doe (dropped before 10/1/2023)

Commercial

5301 Kid (dropped after 9/30/2024)
5302 Yearling (10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024)
5303 Does (dropped before 10/1/2023)

Market Goats

The Nebraska State Fair is a terminal show for the Champion 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. 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 must have horns blunted; however, dehorning is acceptable and preferred.

All meat goat shows at the fair will use weigh cards instead of 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 may be weighed on show day to verify weight. FFA will allow a 5% variance from the declared weight to the actual weight on show day to account for scale differences. Any goat that exceeds the 5% 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. During check-in, all market goats will be submitted to a verification of Scrapie ear tag number.

5100 Market Does
5101 Market Wethers

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

Department 6 – Rabbits

Each eligible exhibitor may have only 5 entries in the Rabbit Department. Top animals will be placed first, second, and third. The top two will compete for champion and reserve champion, if deemed worthy by the judge.

All rabbits except fryers must have permanent ID numbers or names tattooed in their ear with a pin tattoo pliers and tattoo ink. Permanent marker numbers written in the ears of the rabbit are NOT permanent ID numbers. ID numbers or names along with class information must be supplied to the superintendent at time of entry. All animals will be physically checked for tattoos during entry. Tattoos and class information must match the information found on the State Fair pre-entry registration. Rabbits whose tattoos are not readable or do not match the registration information will not be allowed to show. Tattoos that have faded or are no longer legible should be redone prior to the State Fair.

Rabbits must be cared for by the FFA member. Cardboard or other barriers may be used to help separate fighting rabbits between cages. Barriers will not be supplied by the Nebraska State Fair and must be provided by the FFA members. Each exhibitor is to bring their own feeding and watering equipment.

Breeding Rabbits

Commercial breed class breaks will be based on the age of the rabbit using the following age breaks. Weight will not be a factor in class breaks.

- Junior (born after 3/1/2025)
- Intermediate (born 1/1/2025 – 3/1/2025)
- Senior (born before 1/1/2025)

Commercial Breeds

5500 Americana	5506 Champagne D'Argent	5512 Giant Angora
5501 American Chinchilla	5507 Checkered Giant	5513 Giant Chinchilla
5502 Argente Brun	5508 Cinnamon	5514 New Zealand
5503 Beveren	5509 English Lop	5515 Palomino
5504 Blanc d Hotot	5510 Flemish Giant	5516 Satin
5505 Californian	5511 French Lop	5517 Silver Fox

Fancy breed class breaks will be based on the age of the rabbit using the following age breaks. Weight will not be a factor in class breaks.

- Junior (born after 3/1/2025)
- Senior (born before 3/1/2025)

Fancy Breeds

5601 American Fuzzy Lop	5611 French Angora	5621 Netherland Dwarf
5602 American Sable	5612 Harlequin	5622 Polish
5603 Belgian Hare 5	613 Havana	5623 Rex
5604 Britannia Petite	5614 Himalayan	5624 Rhinelander
5605 Dutch	5615 Jersey Woolie	5625 Satin Angora

5606 Dwarf Hotot
5607 Dwarf Papillion
5608 English Angora
5609 English Spot
5610 Florida White
5631 Lionhead

5616 Lilac
5617 Holland Lop
5618 Mini Lop
5619 Mini Rex
5620 Mini Satin

5626 Silver
5627 Silver Marten
5628 Standard Chincilla
5629 Tan
5630 Thrianta

Market Rabbit

5700 Single Fryer – Age limit 10 weeks as of September 1. Weight range: 3.5 lbs. – 5.5 lbs.

5701 Meat Pen of Three – Age limit 10 weeks as of September 1. Weight range: 3.5 lbs. – 5.5 lbs.
Shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must also be of the same variety.

5702 Roaster – Age limit 6 months as of September 1. Weight range: 5.5 lbs. – 9 lbs. 5703
Stewer – Must be over 6 months of age as of September 1. Minimum weight: 8 lbs.

Rabbit Showmanship

Refer to the FFA Specific Rules section of this book for additional information. Exhibitors are asked to bring their own carpet square or mat for showmanship.

5801 Out of School Showmanship
5802 Senior Showmanship
5803 Junior Showmanship
5804 Sophomore Showmanship
5805 Freshman Showmanship
5806 Junior High Showmanship

Department 7 – Poultry

Each eligible exhibitor may have only 5 live bird entries (egg production trio are considered one entry). Egg entries are not considered in the 5-bird limit. Egg entries are limited to three dozen per exhibitor. The official entry slip must accompany the entry. Top animals will be placed first, second, and third. The top two will compete for champion and reserve champion, if deemed worthy by the judge.

Due to the specific size needs of the birds, substitutions can only be made within a class. For example, a large fowl chicken may only be substituted with another large fowl chicken. A goose may only be substituted for another goose.

To be eligible for breed exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock, or hen poultry entries must be fair representation of the breeds and must be listed in the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection or the American Bantam Association Standards of Perfection

A pen of three egg production birds can be hybrids, crossbred, or purebred and shall consist of 3 sexually mature females. Egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards. Hens must be in egg production.

The rules for standard size chickens apply equally to bantams and waterfowl, where applicable. Poultry must be cared for by the FFA member. Cardboard or other barriers may be used to help separate fighting poultry between cages. Barriers will not be supplied by the Nebraska State Fair and must be provided by the FFA members. Each exhibitor is to bring their own feeding and watering equipment.

Eggs

Do not refrigerate prior to check-in.

5900 One (1) dozen white eggs

5901 One (1) dozen brown eggs

5902 One (1) dozen other colored eggs

Bantam

5910 Game Bantam (Modern and Old English)

5911 Single Comb Clean Legged (Plymouth Rock, Leghorn, Japanese, Rhode Island Red, Orpingtons, New Hampshire)

5912 Rose Comb Clean Legged (Rosecomb, Wyandotte, Sebright, Belgian Bearded D'Anver)

5913 All Other Comb Clean Legged (Polish, Cornish, Houdan, Sumatra)

5914 Feather Legged Class (Silkie, Cochin, Brahma, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle, Langshan)

Large Fowl

5920 American (Plymouth Rock, Jersey Giant, Wyandotte, New Hampshire Red, Rhode Island Red)

5921 Asiatic (Cochin, Brahas, Langshan)

5922 English (Cornish, Orpington, Australorps, Sussex, Dorkings)

5923 Mediterranean (Leghorn, Buttercup, Minorca)

5924 Continental (Polish, Hamburg, Campines, Faverolles, Houdan)

5925 All Other Breeds (Naked Neck, Game, Sumatra, Araucanas, Ameraucanas)

Turkey

5930 Turkey

Waterfowl

5940 Ducks (all weight classes)

5941 Geese (all weight classes)

Production Fowl

5950 Egg Production Trios

Poultry Showmanship

Refer to the FFA Specific Rules section of this book for additional information. Exhibitors are asked to bring their own carpet square or mat for showmanship. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird. Maximum length of showmanship presentation is five (5) minutes. Deductions will be given for exceeding 5 minutes.

5960 Out of School Showmanship

5961 Senior Showmanship

5962 Junior Showmanship

5963 Sophomore Showmanship

5964 Freshman Showmanship

5965 Junior High Showmanship

Department 8 – 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 Agricultural Education courses 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 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

Division 1 – 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

Division 2 – 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

Division 3 – 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

Division 4 – 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

Division 5 – 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

Division 6 – Display Board

A welding 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 below 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

Department 9 – 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.

Grain exhibits may be returned to the exhibitor/chapter advisor for educational use only. No grain entries may be resubmitted in future years.

Grain should be entered in a 4-quart plastic 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 the current or preceding year.

Division 1 – Oats

7100 Oats, Current Year

Division 2 – Winter Wheat

7200 Winter Wheat, Current Year

Division 3 – Grain Sorghum

7300 Grain Sorghum, Previous Fall

7350 Grain Sorghum (10 heads-10" sheath of Heads), Current Year, Wrapped or Tied

Division 4 – Corn

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.

Division 5 – Popcorn

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.

Division 6 – Soybeans

7500 Soybeans, Previous Fall

7550 Soybeans Plants (6 stalks cut at ground level), Current Year, Wrapped or Tied

Division 7 – Small Grains

7600 Small Grains (Sheath of Heads 2" in diameter, 24" stems), Current Year

Division 8 – Hay

7625 Alfalfa sheath

7630 Alfalfa, One Slab of Bale

7635 Brome or Native Grass, One Slab of Bale

7640 Grass Bundle, 2" diameter

Division 9 – Other Crops (not able to be entered in any other class)

7650 Other Wrapped or Tied Crop

7651 Other Specialty Crop

Department 10 – Range Boards

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.

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.

Division 1 – Junior Division

7700 Range Board Junior Class – Junior High/Middle School, Freshmen, Sophomores

Division 2 – Senior Division

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

Department 11 – Horticulture

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.

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.

Division 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 specimen, 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" 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 1/2 - 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
- 9061 Ornamental pumpkins, gourds, squash - small
- 9062 Ornamental pumpkins, gourds, squash - medium
- 9063 Ornamental pumpkins, gourds, squash - large

Division 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. The amount 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 in 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.

9070 Home Garden Food Basket Display (single exhibitor)

9071 Chapter Garden Food Basket Display (needs to be comprised of produce from three members)

Division 3 – House Plant

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

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 the 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) - must include live plants
- 9153 Fairy Garden (more than 12 inches) - must include live plants
- 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

Division 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

Division 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/cockscorb (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)

Division 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

Division 7 – Special Horticulture Exhibit

- 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

Department 12 – 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.

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.

Division 1 – Extracted Honey

970801 White/Light

970802 Light Amber/Amber

970803 Dark Amber/Dark

Entries shall consist of (4) 1-pound queenline glass jars.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

Extracted Honey	
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

Division 2 – Creamed Honey

9709 – Creamed Honey

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

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

Creamed Honey	
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

Division 3 – Comb Honey

9710 – Chunk Comb Honey

Entries shall consist of (4) 1-pound glass jars. Cylindrical jars are preferred. Entries shall be judged on the following criteria:

Chunk Comb Honey	
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	 100

9711 – Cut Comb Honey

Entries shall consist of (4) 12-ounce combs in plastic boxes.
 Entries shall be judged on the following criteria:

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

9712 – 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:

Section Comb Honey (wood or round)	
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	 100

Division 4 – Beeswax Candles

9713 – Beeswax Candles

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

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

Division 5 – Honey Gift Basket

9714 – Honey Gift Basket

Entries shall consist of a gift basket of honey and products made from or with products of the hive.

Division 6 – Beekeeping Story

9715 – 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.

Beekeeping Story	
Originality	25
Technical merit	25
Educational merit	25
Display Captions	25
TOTAL POINTS	100

Appendix A: Nebraska State Fair 2025 General Livestock Rules and Regulations

As of June 13, 2025. See Nebraska State Fair website for most up-to-date rules and regulations information.

WELCOME: The Nebraska State Fair Board welcomes you to the 156th Nebraska State Fair, held on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds at Fonner Park. We encourage your participation in the 2025 competitions. The State Fair Management Team is pleased to host you and your exhibits at the Fair while you enjoy your stay in Grand Island.

ADMINISTRATION OF RULES & REGULATIONS: The Nebraska State Fair Board has delegated the authority to Nebraska State Fair Show Management (Agriculture Director, Executive Director, Chair of the Ag Committee, FFA Superintendent, and 4-H Program Leader) for 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.

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.

FAIR LIABILITY: The Nebraska State Fair Board, the Nebraska State Fair Show Management, and their agents and employees shall not, under any circumstances, be responsible for personal injury, and assume no liability for loss or damage of any nature to any property of concessionaires, exhibitors or patrons 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.

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 Board, its agents and employees 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.

AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY: At no time will the Nebraska State Fair Board assume care, custody, or control of any animals and/or personal property of any exhibitor, except following the selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion 4-H and FFA Market animals. Furthermore, the official Nebraska State Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with show management, reserves the right to treat any animal, if in the opinion of the Nebraska State Fair Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. The Nebraska State Fair Board will assume control of these animals using security guards once they are placed in the designated pens. Otherwise, exhibitors will have full custody and control, and will care for, feed and keep safe their animals, livestock and personal property, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Nebraska State Fair as implemented by Nebraska State Fair Show Management.

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

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: Subject to the limitations set forth in these Rules and Regulations, the Nebraska State Fair provides to all persons the opportunity to exhibit at the Fair without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or other factors protected by applicable law.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling should Nebraska State Fair Show Management deem such necessary in its sole discretion.

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 Nebraska State Fair. For more information, please refer to the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics document on the Nebraska State Fair website, which are incorporated into these Rules and Regulations by reference.

NALSRMA: The Nebraska State Fair is a member of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Association, whose membership has approved the adoption of The IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics. Exhibitors are bound to abide by this Code.

ATTENTION!! USE OF DRUGS: The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or substances in any manner other than in accord with the label approved by the FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents/guardians agree (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) the Nebraska State Fair shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratory are final and binding upon the exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Nebraska State Fair shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. **Abuse of extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and subject to serious consequences, such as license revocation.**

Rules & Regulations

1. **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 4-H/FFA General Rules & Regulations, the IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics, and the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association (NALSRMA) 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.
2. **VOLUNTARY WAIVER:** The exhibitor agrees that the interpretation and enforcement of the Rules & Regulations by the Nebraska State Fair and Nebraska State Fair Show Management shall be final, without further complaint, appeal, claim, lawsuit or other recourse against the Nebraska State Fair Board. By submitting an application for entry, all exhibitors waive any right to challenge the Nebraska State Fair's determinations in that regard.
3. **ELIGIBLE TO ENTER:**
 - a. **Competition:** 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
 - b. **Certificate Of Registry:** Original registration papers or electronic document presented using a tablet or smart phone will be accepted if pulled up or downloaded from their respective breed website. **NO PRINTED PAPER COPIES OR SCREENSHOTS ACCEPTED.** 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. 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. Tattoos, ear tags or other identification marks must match registration certificates.
 - c. **Possession Of Livestock: For specific 4-H/FFA ownership deadlines, please refer to the 4-H/FFA General Rules & Regulations section.**
 - d. **Firms & Partnerships:** 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.
4. **ENTRY PROCEDURE:**
 - a. **Entry Submission:** All applications for entry must be made online at statefair.org utilizing the State Fair fair management software. Entries must be accompanied by all fees and other sums due the State Fair or entry will not be accepted.
 - b. **Group Classes:** Entries for group classes must be shown in their respective single classes. Group Class entries must be made by the appropriate entry deadline and must include the appropriate entry fees.
 - c. **Multiple Entries of Same Animal:** If an exhibitor chooses to enter their 4-H or FFA animal in Open Class separate entries and fees are required. This also applies for entering animals from Open Class Junior Breeding Heifers into Open Class Beef, the Regional Youth Dairy Show into Open Class Dairy Cattle, and Open Class Junior Poultry into Open Class Poultry
 - d. **Acceptance Of Entry:** Show Management reserves the right to reject, accept, or accept conditionally an application for entry.
5. **PLACEMENT:** No animal or article will be entitled to a place on the grounds until proper entry has been made. 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.
6. **SUBSTITUTION:** 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 4-H/FFA Rule Section for Substitution Rules regarding 4-H and FFA exhibitors.
7. **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.
8. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** All Open Class Livestock entries must be made electronically through the State Fair website by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on August 10th. All 4-H and FFA livestock entries are due electronically by 8:00 p.m. Central Time on August 10th.
9. **LATE ENTRIES:** Open Class Livestock may enter after August 10th up until August 15th at midnight for double the entry fee. **Absolutely no late entries for 4-H or FFA Livestock.**

10. ENTRY FEES: Correct entry and miscellaneous fees must accompany entries. Stall requests made upon entry will be considered by the respective superintendent, but not guaranteed.

a. 4-H & FFA

- i.** Beef - \$50/entry
- ii.** Goat - \$22.50/entry
- iii.** Sheep - \$22.50/entry
- iv.** Swine - \$22.50/entry
- v.** Rabbit - \$5/entry
- vi.** Poultry - \$5/entry

b. Open Class

- i.** Beef Cattle - \$50/entry
- ii.** Boer Goat - \$20/entry
- iii.** Cattle Dog Trials - \$100/entry for All Divisions
- iv.** Dairy Cattle - \$50/entry for Open & Regional Youth Dairy
- v.** Dairy Goat - \$9/entry and \$5/entry for Youth Show
- vi.** Llama and Alpaca - \$15/class
- vii.** Poultry - \$3/entry
- viii.** Sheep - \$10/entry
- ix.** Swine - \$17.50/entry

11. MISCELLANEOUS FEES:

a. 4-H & FFA

- i.** Beef Blocking Chute Permit - \$25/chute
- ii.** Sheep & Goat Stand Permit - \$10/stand
- iii.** Extra Cattle Stall - \$50/stall
- iv.** Extra Sheep, Goat & Swine Pens - \$25/pen

b. Open Class

- i.** Beef Exhibitor Extra Stalls (up to 3 per exhibitor) - \$50/stall
- ii.** Beef Blocking Chute Permit - \$25/chute
- iii.** Boer Goat, Dairy Goat and Sheep Pens - \$10/pen
- iv.** ALSA - \$5/animal
- v.** ILR - \$3/animal
- vi.** Non ALSA Member Fee - \$50 for adults and \$15 for youth
- vii.** Llama/Alpaca Stall - \$15/stall

12. LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR PASSES: A wristband or daily ticket will be required for entry onto the grounds. Livestock exhibitor wristbands allow entrance onto the grounds for the duration of the fair. **4-H and FFA Livestock Exhibitors will receive one free wristband.** Open class exhibitors can purchase a wristband for \$25 with entries or at the check-in trailer. Daily admission tickets at a discounted price (\$5) may be purchased with entries. General State Fair admission tickets are available in the check-in trailer. Absolutely no refunds will be given on admission tickets or wristbands.

13. EXHIBITOR PARKING: Parking will be distributed as follows:

- a.** **Lot 1** This is for llama and alpaca exhibitors ONLY and is only good for the duration of the llama and alpaca show.
- b.** **Lot 3A/3B** This is the livestock exhibitor parking lot, with overflow in Livestock Trailer Lot.
- c.** **Lot 9** This is parking for Texas Longhorn exhibitors only and is only good for the duration of the Texas Longhorn Show
- d.** Purchasing exhibitor parking is optional, however exhibitors wishing to park in designated livestock parking areas will require a permit to enter. This permit may be purchased at time of entry (\$25 for exhibitors) or at the Livestock Check-In Trailer and is for the sole use of the exhibitor. **PARKING PERMITS MUST BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE REARVIEW MIRROR.**
- e.** A parking space is not guaranteed.
- f.** It is recommended that livestock exhibitor vehicles park in places designated by the Fair Management. The Fair Management assumes no obligation and no liability for any theft or damage that may occur to the vehicle or its contents. No vehicles will be allowed to park for the sole purpose of advertising. All trucks ½ ton or larger and livestock trailers will be required, immediately after unloading, to park in designated areas. Trailers will be parked in the Livestock Trailer Lot, which is located south of the Fairgrounds.

14. CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: All cancellations for Open Class must be submitted in writing (email or mail) no later than August 15. Entry fee refunds may be allowed in the case of a personal emergency, at the discretion of the Agriculture Director or Executive Director. Only the Entry Fees will be refunded. No refunds will be given on tickets, wristbands or parking passes. 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 September 30. **All 4-H and FFA entry fees are non-refundable.**

15. JUDGES:

a. **Selection of Judges: Nebraska State Fair** Show Management is solely responsible for selecting judges and determining judging systems. Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations and procedures of the Nebraska State Fair. No person shall be permitted to judge a class in which he/she may be competing for an award or have ownership of any animal or article entered in such class.

b. **Judges' Decision:** The judges' decisions are final. If fraud, misrepresentation, error or collusion is discovered after awards have been given, the Agriculture Committee of the Nebraska State Fair Board will make a decision regarding final placement. Such decisions may be appealed to the full Nebraska State Fair Board following the procedure found in rule #17. Protests alleging that the judges overlooked exhibits will not be considered.

c. **Interfering with Judges:** An exhibitor or their representative who interferes with or displays disrespect to a judge or the show could forfeit any monies earned or be subject to other penalties assessed by the Nebraska State Fair. They shall also be excused from competition and exhibition for such period of time as Nebraska State Fair Show Management may determine. 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.

16. SECURITY PERSONNEL: Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or Nebraska State Fair personnel in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove themselves and their exhibit from the grounds immediately for the duration of the Nebraska State Fair.

17. PROTESTS: The Nebraska State Fair will retain exclusive jurisdiction over ALL protests. Verbal protests will be directed to the proper specie superintendent and if necessary, brought to the Nebraska State Fair Livestock Manager. All formal protests must be submitted in writing to the Nebraska State Livestock Manager. All forms must be signed and be accompanied by a monetary fee of \$300.00, cash or certified check. Such written protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Nebraska State Fair Livestock Manager immediately upon the occasion of the protest. No complaint or appeal based solely upon the statement that a judge is incompetent will be considered. This complaint, along with supporting documents, will be submitted to the Nebraska State Fair Ag Director and Nebraska State Fair Executive Director. The report of wrongdoing will then be presented to the Nebraska State Fair Agriculture Committee 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 Nebraska State Fair Ag Director and the Nebraska State Fair 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. Any decision rendered by the Ag Director and Executive Director based upon the review and proposed decision of the Agriculture Committee shall be the final decision. Protests must be filed within 30 days of the conclusion of the Nebraska State Fair.

18. PHOTOGRAPHS: The Nebraska State Fair will hire a photographer who will take the official livestock photographs for the Fair. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the Official Livestock 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 and may be used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.

19. PREMIUMS: Premium monies will be distributed by the Nebraska State Fair. They will be paid as outlined by each department. 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.** The Nebraska State Fair Board must be notified of any discrepancies in the amounts of premium checks before November 1st in the calendar year of the Nebraska State Fair at issue.

a. 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.

b. **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.**

c. **Any rule violations may result in forfeiture of all livestock premiums for that exhibitor.**

d. **It is the intention of Nebraska State 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 as determined by Nebraska State Fair Management in its sole discretion.**

- e. **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. SHOW BACK NUMBERS: Exhibitors at the Nebraska State Fair must be wearing an official back number in the show ring, except for Open Class Poultry and Cattle Dog Trials. These numbers will be in the exhibitor packet. 4-H and FFA back numbers correspond to the exhibitor. Open Class back numbers correspond to each individual entry. 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.

21. CLASSIFICATIONS: No new livestock breed classifications shall be considered for Open Class Livestock 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 with at least twenty (20) head to show in the proposed classification for two years. Livestock classifications that have less than five (5) exhibitors and twenty (20) head exhibited for two (2) consecutive years will be placed on probation at the discretion of the show management, 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.

22. 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 tack spaces, within the barns at the time entry fees are paid in full. Any tampering with other exhibitors' stalls or tie-out stalls will not be tolerated.

23. CHECK IN PROCEDURES: All Livestock will be vet checked, and health certificates examined 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.

24. 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. Failure or refusal of all animals to be examined will result in grounds for immediate removal and disqualification. 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 market lambs and goats must be shorn sufficiently short to allow inspection for club lamb fungus at any time of the fair.** Any decision by the State Fair inspectors is final.

25. REMOVAL OF ANIMALS: The Nebraska State Fair can remove any exhibit, animal or display that they deem unsuitable or objectionable, without furnishing reasons for the action. The decision of the show management is final and exhibitor has no recourse.

26. ANIMAL WELFARE: 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. No show halters with spikes in 4-H or FFA. 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".

27. ANIMAL/EXHIBITOR DISQUALIFICATION: 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, animals in violation of rules on prohibited substances, and/or falsification of records. The exhibitor certifies 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. If an exhibitor discloses use of a substance that does not meet the withdrawal time per the determination of the State Fair Veterinarian, then that animal is subject to disqualification. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on the grounds.

a. **Unethical Fitting:**

i. **Description:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means, as well as changing the normal conformation of any part of an animal's body or using drugs, medications, chemicals, or other substances (including over the counter and extra-label substances and uses), or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup or performance of the animal. Unethical fitting includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant or other substance to temporarily improve conformation. This includes the application of any substance per rectum.
2. Balancing the udder by any other means than natural milk left in any or all quarters.

3. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
4. Bruising or blemishes to the animal, especially those that negatively impact food safety or marketability of an animal's carcass.
5. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of an animal's body, hide, hair or feet (this includes materials added to the feet of an animal) except the removal of warts or horns and the permitted clipping of hair and trimming of hooves.
6. Insertion of foreign material under the skin, whether gas, solid or liquid.
7. Changing the color of hair, spot or area on the animal's body.
8. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method per esophagus.
9. The use of diuretics.
10. Administration of an illegal, unapproved or performance enhancing drug internally or externally.

ii. Verification: All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors must agree to the terms and statement of disclosure online at the time of entry. This agreement shall serve as an acknowledgement of having read the fair/entry book and a willingness to abide by it. By agreeing to the Nebraska State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Ethics 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 agreeing to the statement, 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.

iii. Approved Medication Prior to the Show: In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA-approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for all drug residue to completely clear the system is **generally longer than labeled withdrawal time** for most drugs and varies from animal to animal. Adequate time must have passed so that an exhibitor's animal is outside the withdrawal time of the medication. Once the animals arrive on grounds, they must remain free and clear of all residues of medications, drugs, chemicals and other substances. It will be considered 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.

iv. Unapproved Medication: Those animals that have consumed or been given, even under the care of a licensed veterinarian, any type of unapproved drug, chemical or medication are prohibited from showing. Such drugs include, but are not limited to any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, steroids, caffeine, and other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or US Department of Agriculture for animals. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be aware that federal law prohibits the use of certain drugs, families of drugs, and substances for extra label use. It will be an increased penalty if a market animal tests positive for any of these prohibited drugs or drug families.

v. Medication during the Show: The Nebraska State Fair Veterinarian Office is located on the east side of the Sheep Barn. For the convenience of our exhibitors, the Nebraska State Fair arranges to have veterinarians available; however, they do not donate their services or medications. Fees should be discussed before treatment. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to communicate if the animal is eligible for further competition. **All medication and treatment administered during the livestock show must be administered by the official Nebraska State Fair Veterinarian** and a written medication record filed. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal period beyond the time of show will be disqualified from 4-H or FFA competition. Furthermore, the official Nebraska State Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with show management, reserves the right to treat any animal, if in the opinion of the Nebraska State Fair Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated.

vi. Beta-Agonists: The Nebraska State Fair will not tolerate the presence of ractopamine hydrochloride (i.e. Optaflexx, Paylean) in market entries other than market beef or market swine, respectively. The Nebraska State Fair will not tolerate the presence of any other beta-agonist.

vii. Inspection/Testing:

1. Each exhibitor, by entering or exhibiting an animal at the Nebraska State Fair, agrees that any animal entered by him or her may be subjected to inspection or examination by any veterinarian appointed by the Nebraska State Fair. The Nebraska State Fair may subject any animal to tests, sample-takings, or inspections the at the Nebraska State Fair deems necessary and appropriate, including but not limited to testing for drugs or other substances at any time. The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to conduct or have conducted for all its tests, inspections, or analyses it deems appropriate, including blood, urine, hair, fiber, tissue, milk, saliva and/or fecal. Any samples taken for testing become property of the Nebraska State Fair. Positive test results may be made public. The Nebraska State Fair may impound any animal for testing. Refusing such tests shall be cause for disqualification.

a. All 4-H and FFA Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef, Market Lamb, Market Swine & Market Swine animals will be tested under the terms of the Nebraska State Fair Market Animal Drug Testing Policies and Procedures immediately following the final selection of that species. During the collection procedure, the exhibitor and a designated responsible adult must be always present, unless a substitute exhibitor is approved by the Superintendent. Following the collection, the exhibitor and a parent/guardian MUST complete and sign the Nebraska State Fair Drug Use Notification and Test Sample Collection form.

b. 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 monies, and may be banned from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair.

2. The animal owner, exhibitor, fitter and associated participants bear absolute responsibility for an animal's condition, whether he or she was actually instrumental or had actual knowledge of the administration of drugs or medication or treatment of the animals.

viii. Wholesome Meat Act: The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to ALL market livestock exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair.

1. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.

2. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.

3. 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.

4. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

5. The Nebraska State Fair Board shall not be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or the sale price of the animal.

6. Wholesome Assurance Statement:

a. 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.

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

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

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

b. DNA: 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.

c. Falsification of Records: It is a violation to falsify or alter official entries, records or registration on animals, including age.

d. Unmanageable Animals: The Nebraska State Fair may disqualify an animal deemed unmanageable.

e. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: It is a violation for an owner, exhibitor, fitter, 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.

f. Non-adherence to the Rules: Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the Nebraska State Fair rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing at the Nebraska State Fair.

g. Consequences: 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 of animal, withholding of premium money, withholding of payment for animal carcass, required payment of carcass disposal fees, return of all trophies and non-monetary awards, forfeiture of all titles, and potential exclusion from future participation in the Nebraska State Fair. These sanctions will be determined by the Nebraska State Fair Board Agriculture Committee. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Nebraska State Fair. Rule violations may be reported to law enforcement agencies when appropriate. The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to report any exhibitor found in violation of the show rules to the Rule Infraction Database (RID) administered by the NALSARMA.

h. The Process of Sanctioning: The Nebraska State Fair, in its sole discretion and judgement, shall evaluate and assess appropriate sanctions for any such violations on a case-by-case basis. The following process will be used to determine sanctioning:

- i. The Nebraska State Fair Board Agriculture Committee will be notified of violations of rules and regulations.
- ii. Exhibitor will be notified by certified letter within 60 days of the end of the Nebraska State Fair. Letter will contain potential sanctions.
- iii. Exhibitor will have ten days from day of signing for certified letter to submit a response via mail.
- iv. After ten days a special meeting of the Nebraska State Fair Board Agriculture Committee will be convened and will determine sanctions.
- v. Exhibitor will receive official notice of sanctions. At that time, they may choose to appeal the decision of the committee.
- vi. If an appeal is requested a hearing will be convened by the Nebraska State Fair Board Agriculture Committee prior to the next scheduled Nebraska State Fair Board Meeting with the committee presenting final recommendations afterwards to the Nebraska State Fair Board.

28. CARE OF PROPERTY: Owners and those in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The Nebraska State Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

29. STATE FIRE MARSHAL: 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, grills, open flame cookers, turkey fryers and electric roasters is strictly prohibited inside barns, under pavilions, building overhangs and arenas.**

30. 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.

31. ALCOHOL USE: To safeguard exhibitors, livestock and the public, the Nebraska State Liquor Control Commission Laws will be enforced. ONLY alcohol procured at a Nebraska State Fair licensed location is permitted. NO outside alcohol is allowed to be brought onto the Fairgrounds. No one under the age of 21 is permitted to consume or possess alcoholic beverages. Excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated. State Fair Authority including Staff, Security, and the Nebraska State Patrol may be called if necessary.

32. AUXILIARY VEHICLES: Auxiliary vehicles, including but not limited to, golf carts, service carts, utility vehicles, Cushman's, and other four-wheeled vehicles are included within the scope of the Auxiliary Vehicle Rules & Regulations Agreement available from the Nebraska State Fair. AVs without a permit will not be allowed on Nebraska State Fair grounds at any time.

33. FEED AND BEDDING: All Feed and Bedding needs will be handled by Aurora Cooperative. Hay, bedding and feed will be available for purchase at the feed store. Bulk bedding will be provided in the cattle barn and tie-out area. Exhibitors will be permitted to bring onto the grounds a limited amount of feed, hay or straw. You can **pre-order** feed and additional bedding by contacting Aurora Cooperative at 402-362-4271. You can also visit their feed store during the State Fair. **Nebraska State Fair will not provide equipment to load/unload/transport any type of hay, bedding, and feed.**

34. 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.

35. DOGS: Due to requirements of the liability insurance carrier and policy of all major livestock shows, NO dogs (excluding Competition Dogs) are allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, in parking lots or in buildings other than those for direct competition or service animals. There shall be no loose or unattended dogs on the fairgrounds. No dogs will be permitted in the animal barns, in tie outs or on the Midway, except during authorized events and sanctioned dog shows. Dogs entered in Nebraska State Fair special performances or competitive events will be allowed on grounds or in buildings during performance or competition only. 4-H competition dogs will be allowed on the grounds in limited areas during and following their competition. They must stay in the presence of the owner and will be issued a permit for that day only to be allowed on the grounds.

36. EQUIPMENT:

- a. **Generators, Blocking Chutes, Trim Chutes, Trim Tables, Portable Scales:** No generators will be allowed in the barns or tie out area at any time. All Open Class blocking chutes will require a Blocking Chute permit, which can be purchased for \$25.00 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.

b. **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 (butt fans) or portacools will not be allowed. Refer to rule #29 State Fire Marshall for further clarification.** 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! The superintendent has the express authority to determine if any fan, extension cord or other electrical device is allowed.

37. AEROSOLS, PRESSURIZED CANS: No aerosol cans of any sort will be allowed **inside the Five Points Arena** under any circumstances.

38. FUNDRAISER: No lottery or raffle shall be conducted at the Nebraska State Fair without the written authority of the Nebraska State Fair Executive Director, as coordinated by the Sales Department.

39. SELLING: The selling and advertising of any service or good within the Fairgrounds is strictly prohibited unless a contract has been issued by the Nebraska State Fair Sales Department. Please call the Sales Director at 308-382-1606 for more information. No roving solicitation is allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. 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.

40. 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.

41. CAMPGROUND: Campground reservations are handled by the Nebraska State Fair Sales Department. For more information call 308-385-3925.

42. ADDITIONAL 4-H & FFA GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

a. **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.

b. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS:

i. **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 8 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.

ii. **FFA** — Only bona fide Nebraska FFA members that have paid dues shall be eligible for FFA Division entries. The age eligibility requirements set by the Nebraska FFA Association will be followed. Those can be found at https://neaged.org/ffa_events/ffa-state-fair/. There will be no discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

c. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS:

i. 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.

ii. 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 **FFA Only** (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.**

iii. 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.

iv. 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.

d. **4-H/FFA EXHIBITS:** Exhibitors must submit proper nomination material by June 15th. 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 at the State Fair. Refer to the [Nebraska 4-H website](#) and [Nebraska FFA website](#) for additional information regarding identification requirements.

e. 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 AND breeding 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.

f. 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).

g. 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.

h. 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.

i. 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.

i. All 4-H livestock shows will be Blow and Go; animals may be clipped, blown and brushed or combed to enhance their appearance. All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesives or glue qualities, or artificial colorings are permitted. 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 for the presence of adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. A toweling inspection will be incorporated for all 1st and 2nd place class winners (showmanship, breeding, market). The 3rd place class winner may be requested back if the 1st or 2nd place class winner does not pass inspection. All animals entering the Final Drive will be subject to a toweling inspection before entering the show ring. 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.

ii. 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 27 are strictly prohibited.

j. DRESS CODE: When showing animals, exhibitors must wear the official Nebraska State Fair FFA or 4-H T-shirt. Blue jeans are appropriate. Hats shall not be worn in the show ring.

k. 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.