

DATE: August 31, 2026

TO: State Fair FFA Rabbit & Poultry Exhibitors

FROM: Ryan Hassebrook and Kaydee Alexander, FFA Superintendents

We have received your FFA rabbit and poultry entries and are excited that you will be joining us at the 2026 Nebraska State Fair! This letter is to inform you of State Fair procedures that apply to all FFA small animal exhibitors. If you have specific questions about your entries, ask your FFA Advisor or reach out to ne.showworks@gmail.com

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Map:

Here is the [official map](#) of your 2026 Nebraska State Fair. Exhibitors can find other [Livestock Exhibitor Maps](#) online.

Schedule:

- The livestock schedules for the Nebraska State Fair can be found here: <https://www.statefair.org/livestock-exhibitors/>
- Move in and Check in for poultry and rabbit will be from **8:00 AM-10:00 AM CST** on Saturday, September 5 in the sheep barn on the east end by the poultry area. Look for signs for the specific location. **Please note, the vet check in the Livestock Trailer Lot is not the official FFA check-in.** You will need to turn in your entry cards to your respective FFA check-in.
- **All entries must be checked in during the assigned check in time to exhibit at the State Fair. If you miss check in, you will be ineligible to show.** •

Release Time

FFA Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors may begin releasing as soon as they are finished showing. **All animals must be out by 7 PM on Monday September 7.**

Health Requirements (Nebraska Origin)

- **FFA rabbits do not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).** Be prepared to implement biosecurity practices to protect from Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease.
- FFA poultry will not require any additional testing requirements.
- Please review the [Nebraska State Fair Animal Health Requirements](#) for out-of-state origin animals.
- Before entering the fairgrounds, **all poultry and rabbits** will be subject to examination by a veterinarian.

Exhibitor Entry to Grounds, Unloading and Traffic Flow:

- Coming from either the east or west, enter the Livestock Trailer Lot (south of the fairgrounds) from Stolley Park Road.
- Before entering the fairgrounds, all poultry and rabbits will be subject to examination by a veterinarian.
- After the veterinarian check, **exhibitors will need to** pick up their exhibitor packet at the livestock check-in trailer.
- **After you leave Livestock Trailer Lot, enter Gate #4 and proceed past the tie outs to the west gate of the sheep barn.**
- Unload on northeast side of the sheep barn.
- After dropping off your animals, travel east and south to exit through Gate #2 and park in the exhibitor or general parking.
- If you have purchased an exhibitor parking permit, you may park in the exhibitor parking lot (3A) by entering Gate #3. If lot 3A is full, exhibitors with permits may also park in lot (3B) Livestock Trailer Lot to the south of the fairgrounds. Livestock Trailer Lot is off the grounds so entry through the walk through gate is required with a pass or admission fee. Trailers will not be allowed in the Exhibitor Parking Lot 3A.

Note: Beginning Friday, August 28 at 9:00 AM CT, all exhibitors will have to have a wristband or admission ticket to enter the grounds, even for dropping off tack.



Check in Rabbits and Poultry - Saturday, September 5th: 8:00 AM CST- 10:00 AM CST

- Animals must be in place by 10:00 AM CST on Saturday

Noon Saturday Sept 5th	FFA Rabbit Showmanship	FFA Rabbit Show immediately following Poultry show
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This year the shows will run concurrently, while the FFA Poultry Exhibition takes place FFA Rabbit Showmanship will be happening as well. Immediately following the FFA poultry evaluation and conclusion of FFA Rabbit Showmanship then Poultry Showmanship and the Rabbit Exhibition will take place.

State Fair FFA Exhibitor Shirt

Exhibitors can pick up their State Fair exhibitor t-shirt during office hours at the Livestock Office which is located on the west side of the Five Points Bank Arena. Shirts are organized by chapter, please designate one person to pick up shirts for the entire chapter.

Showmanship Time Limit:

Poultry: Maximum time is five minutes.

Rabbit: Maximum time is four minutes.

Items to Bring:

- Each exhibitor is to bring their own bowls for water and feed. Bowls and feed will not be provided in 2026.
- Exhibitors are required to wear the official State Fair FFA t-shirt available at the livestock office. Solid blue jeans are required. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn. Exhibitors shall not display any local, county or chapter identification.
- Cardboard or other barriers may be used and encouraged to help separate rabbits and poultry between cages. Barriers will not be supplied by the Nebraska State Fair and must be provided by the FFA member.