



Animal Requirements for County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben

All county fair 4-H & FFA animal identification / ownership affidavits are due to extension by June 15 (see horse and market steers & heifers for early exceptions). All identification / ownership affidavits are available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> (except horse) and at the extension office.

All 4-H & FFA county fair animal (except horse) entry forms are due to extension by Wednesday, July 8, 4:30 p.m. or postmarked by July 8. No late entries will be accepted! All entry forms are available at the extension office and online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>. One Livestock Entry Form **MUST** be completed for each exhibitor entering livestock (beef, dairy, bucket calf, goats, sheep, swine).

All exhibitors showing market animals must be meat quality assurance certified before county fair begins. For more information, see THE NEBLINE for upcoming workshops or contact 4-H staff member Deanna Karmazin.

General rules for animals at County Fair are listed in the Fair Book page 32. Animal-specific rules are listed by breeds in the Fair Book pages 57-71.

Horse

- Each horse which will be showed at County Fair must be identified on form #F2-97-77 “4-H Horse Identification Certificate” and submitted to extension by June 1. Sketch markings showing both sides and face on the form are preferred instead of photos.
- For County Fair, one Horse Entry Form must be completed for each exhibitor showing horse(s). Entry Form and Stall Reservations due to extension by July 8.
- Horse exhibitors must pass riding skills level tests for many classes at county fair, districts and state horse shows. For more information about testings, see THE NEBLINE or contact 4-H staff member Marty Cruickshank.
- For district shows and/or the Nebraska State 4-H Horse Exposition at Fonner Park in Grand Island, one Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Entry Form must be completed for each exhibitor showing horse(s). Entry forms are due to extension by May 8. For some state classes, exhibitor must qualify at districts — for some classes, exhibitor may sign up for.
- For the State Expo, horses must follow all health requirements (including 14-day health certificates). For more info, go to <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H.html>

Dairy Cattle

- Must be tagged or tattooed and identified on form #4HF108 “Nebraska 4-H Dairy Identification Affidavit” by June 15.
- Pictures of both sides of the animal can be attached to form or sketch drawing must be completed on the above form.

Market Steers & Heifers

- Must be tagged, weighed and identified on form #4HF106 “Nebraska 4-H Market Beef and Lamb Ownership Affidavit” by April 1.
- Each exhibitor is limited to identifying 10 head.
- If going on to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, must be DNA tested at weigh-in time. Extension staff will do the DNA test and there is a \$6 processing fee.

Breeding Heifers

- Must be tattooed and identified on form #4HF105 “Nebraska 4-H Breeding Heifer and Ewe Ownership Affidavit” by June 15.
- Commercial heifers may have any tattoo number placed in ear.
- Registered animals must have registration tattoo in ear matching the registration papers.
- If showing in a registered class, you must have registration papers in hand by day of show.
- The heifer must be registered in the member or farm’s name.

Cow-Calf Pairs

- Cows must be a past 4-H project.
- Must be tattooed and identified on form #4HF105 “Nebraska 4-H Breeding Heifer and Ewe Ownership Affidavit” by June 15.
- Calves shown only as a cow calf pair need to be placed on the same form as the cow.
- If the calf will be shown in both the cow/calf pair class and the feeder class the calf will also need to be on form #4HF110 “Nebraska 4-H Feeder and Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit”

Feeder & Bucket Calves

- Must be identified on form #4HF110 “Nebraska 4-H Feeder and Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit” and tagged with an official 4-H eartag by June 15 — requires record book at fair.
- Each exhibitor is limited to identifying 20 head for county and state fair and 6 head for Ak-Sar-Ben.
- Eartags can be obtained at the extension office.
- If going on to Ak-Sar-Ben, feeders must be DNA tested by June 15. Extension staff will do the DNA test and there is a \$6 processing fee.



Market Sheep

- Must be tagged with an official 4-H tag and identified on form #4HF106 “Nebraska 4-H Market Beef and Lamb Ownership Affidavit” by June 15.
- If you plan to exhibit in the County Performance Contest, you will have to have your animal weighed by June 15 also.
- Each exhibitor is limited to identifying 20 head.
- If going on to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, must also be DNA tested at weigh-in time. Extension staff will do the DNA test and there is a \$5 processing fee.
- Feeders exhibiting at Ak-Sar-Ben must be DNA'd by June 15 and there is a \$5 processing fee.

Breeding Sheep

- Must be tagged with an official 4-H eartag and identified on form #4HF105 “Nebraska 4-H Breeding Heifer and Ewe Ownership Affidavit” by June 15.
- All females must have a scrapies tag in ear to exhibit. These should have been obtained from the breeder of the animal.

Market Swine

- Must be ear notched and identified on form #4HF107 “Nebraska 4-H Market Swine Ownership Affidavit” by June 15.
- The form must have a complete description of each animal — i.e., Hamp, black with white belt.
- Member is limited to identifying 40 head.
- No ear tags allowed.
- If going on to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, must be DNA tested. Extension staff will DNA test and there is a \$5 processing fee.

Dairy Goats

- Must be tattooed and identified on form #4HF109 “Nebraska 4-H Dairy Goat Identification Affidavit” by June 15.
- If showing in a registered class the owner must at least have pending papers in hand before the day of show.
- Female goats must have scrapie tags available upon request.

Meat Goats

- Must be tattooed and identified on form #4HF111 “Nebraska 4-H Meat Goat Identification Affidavit” by June 15.

Llamas/Alpacas

- Must complete Lancaster County Llama/Alpaca Identification form by June 15. Pictures of both sides of the llama and face can be attached to form or sketch markings must be completed on the form.
- One Llama/Alpaca Entry Form must be completed for each animal entered. If showing more than one llama or alpaca, a separate form must be used for each.
- Note: State Fair does not have a 4-H Llama/Alpaca category.

Poultry

- Poultry do not require an identification form.
- One Poultry Entry Form must be completed for each exhibitor entering poultry by July 8.
- Any bird with visible signs of disease or parasitism will be removed from the exhibition area and rendered ineligible to show.

Rabbits

- Rabbits to be exhibited must be identified on form #4HF103 “Nebraska 4-H Rabbit Identification Certificate” by June 15.
- If rabbits aren't tattooed by County Fair time, they will be tattooed at the fair.

- One Rabbit Entry Form must be completed for each exhibitor entering rabbits by July 8.

Dogs

- Dogs do not require an identification form.
- One Dog Entry Form must be completed for each dog entered by July 8. If showing more than one dog, a separate form must be used for each.
- Dogs must have a photocopy of a current rabies vaccination certificate and proof of immunizations for DHL and parvo for each animal and must be attached to the county fair entry form.

Cats

- Cat do not require an identification form.
- One Cat Entry Form must be completed for each cat entered by July 8. If showing more than one cat, a separate form must be used for each.
- See *Fair Book for health requirements*.
- Cats will have a vet check and immunization check at the county fair. If the vet at the county fair does not pass the animal, it will be disqualified. All decisions by the veterinarian at check-in are final.

Household Pets

- Household pets do not require an identification form.
- One Household Pets Entry Form must be completed for each animal type or breed entered by July 8.
- All ferrets must have a copy of proof of rabies vaccination.
- Note: State Fair does not have a 4-H Household Pets category.

State Fair Animal Entries

4-H & FFA animal exhibitors ages 10–18 are eligible to participate at the Nebraska State Fair regardless of county placing. The 2009 Nebraska State 4-H Fairbook is available online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair>

State Fair 4-H & FFA animal entry forms are due to extension staff no later than Sunday, August 9 at the County Fair. Forms will be available online or for pick up in the livestock office at fair. Registration fees must be included with entries.

All livestock exhibited must follow all health requirements (including health certificates) — see *State Fairbook for complete information*.

State fair day passes and seasonal parking passes may be purchased and picked up at the extension office AFTER County Fair. These passes are for 4-H members and their immediate family only.

Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition Entries

The Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will held September 22–27 at the Qwest Center in Omaha. Categories are: Dairy, Feeder Calf & Breeding Beef, Horse, Market Beef, Market Broilers, Meat Goats, Market Lamb and Market Swine. For more information, go to www.rivercityroundup.org

Ak-Sar-Ben entries are due to extension staff no later than Sunday, August 9 at the County Fair. Forms will be available online or for pick up in the livestock office at fair. Registration fees must be included with entries.

All animals exhibited must follow all health requirements (including health certificates). See *Ak-Sar-Ben Premium Book for complete information*.