



2009

# LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR

## AUGUST 5-9

LANCASTER EVENT CENTER • 84TH & HAVELOCK • LINCOLN

The Lancaster County Fair Book has complete information about entering exhibits or participating in contests. Fair Books are available at the extension office and online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>. Most of the following information is compiled from the Fair Book.

### Change in Premium Payouts Procedure

All 4-H & FFA animal exhibitors will receive premium payouts as they exit the show arena. Participants in 4-H contests held DURING the county fair will receive their premium payout at the contest.

Premium payouts for all static exhibits and 4-H contests held PRIOR to the fair (such as Speech or Bicycle Safety) must be picked up on Sunday, Aug. 9, Noon-4 p.m. in the Fair Board Office. Premiums will not be paid out after 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug 9. With proper identification, parents, guardians, 4-H club leaders, FFA chapter advisors will also be permitted to pick up and sign for exhibitor premiums. No checks will be issued! No changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after 14 days.



## New this year, gate admission tickets will be required at the Lancaster County Fair. The extension office has gate admission tickets FREE, available through Aug. 9.

For other locations to pick up gate admission tickets FREE, go to [www.superfair.org](http://www.superfair.org)  
For same-day exit and re-entry, you can get a hand stamp from the gate attendant.

### Livestock Changes

There have been several changes to the fair book for Livestock exhibitors. Here are some of the changes, please check your fair books for more details.

**All Species:** All animals must be stalled in the barns. Beef are allowed to stall outside in designated cattle tieout area.

**Beef:** No feeding animals in show arena. *Beef are not allowed in the show arena any time Friday morning before the dairy show.*

**Blow and Go Rule:** All beef exhibitors will be allowed only to wash, blowout and/or comb their animals. Any use of adhesives is prohibited. Exhibitors will be allowed to use coat dressings, conditioners and shaving creams only. *No use of products containing color additives or color transfer allowed.*

**Swine:** No feeding allowed in wash rack area to help eliminate clogging of the drain.

**Babe Contest:** There has been a new class added to this years Swine show. Please see page 61 of the fair book for more information.

### Changes for Horticulture Exhibits

Changes have been made in the Horticulture area. Please keep these changes in mind when you are preparing your exhibits for the Lancaster County Fair.

1. Containers for flower exhibits will not be provided. Exhibitor must provide own container. Please have containers be the appropriate size for your flower exhibit. Make sure the container will not tip over when the flowers are put inside. The container will not be judged.
2. Paper plates for vegetables and fruit exhibits will not be provided. Exhibitor must provide sturdy, white paper plates.
3. Exhibits need to be ready to enter when you arrive at the fair. There will not be a preparation area to prepare your exhibits.
4. Entry cards must be completely filled out before arriving at the fair.

### Entomology

4-H Entomology should have been included in the Fair Book. A Fair Book Entomology Addition is available at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and the extension office.

### Photography Forms Online

4-H County Fair photography data tag forms parts A & B are now available as a fill-in PDFs online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>

### Furnishings on a Shoestring

The former Furnishings on a Shoestring project classes can now be found under Design Decisions:

- (C257014) Recycled or remade **article for the home**, made or finished by using common object or material in a creative way. Could be made from reused or recycled products.
- (C257015) Recycled or remade **piece of furniture** for the home, made or finished by using common object or material in a creative way. Could be made from reused or recycled products.

### Food Booth Training, July 30

The 4-H food booth at the county fair is the primary fundraiser for Lancaster County 4-H Council. **New this year, 4-H Clover Kitchen will be located in the Exhibit Hall (see back page).** 4-H Council asks clubs to help by staffing a 3-4 hour shift at the Clover Kitchen. At any given time, 3-5 youth (age 9 & up) are needed with 2 adults supervising. Youth gain practical experience handling food safely and counting change. They also gain life skills, such as responsibility, critical thinking and social skills. For more information, call Robin Ambroz-Hollman at 540-2736. ALL food booth volunteers are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend the training on Thursday, July 30, 6-7 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, Exhibit Hall. Learn about food safety, customer service and volunteer responsibilities.

### Static Exhibit Check-In Monday, Aug. 3, 4-8 p.m.

Static exhibits do not preregister, but MUST be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-in on Monday, Aug. 3 between 4-8 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln Room. An adult — such as a club leader or parent(s) — should assist 4-H members in entering exhibits. All entry tags, additional information, recipe cards, data tags, etc. MUST be attached at this time.

### Interview Judging, Aug. 4

Interview judging is Tuesday, Aug. 4 starting at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln Room. 4-H'ers have the opportunity to talk to judges about their fair exhibits and share their trials and lessons they learned. 4-H'ers also learn what the judge looks for and how to improve skills. 4-H'ers may interview judge ONE exhibit from each project area. Refer to page 37 of the Fair Book for project areas which have interview judging. Members, parents or leaders can call the extension office at 441-7180 to sign up members for a five-minute time slot—preregister between July 6 and 31. If slots are still available, may sign up during Static Exhibit Check-in on Monday, Aug. 3, 4-8 p.m.

### Volunteers Needed

Adults and youth are needed to help during the Lancaster County Fair. If you can help, please contact the extension office at 441-7180. Help is especially needed in the following areas:

- **Static exhibit set-up days** on Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. (pizza will be served) and Saturday, Aug. 1 at 8 a.m. (doughnuts will be served) in the Lincoln Room
- **During judging of static exhibits** on Tuesday, Aug. 4 in Lincoln Room
- **Teen tour guides are needed for Fair Fun Day** for child care groups on Friday, Aug. 7 at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Lil' Green mascot and escorts** on Friday, Aug. 7 for 1 or 2 hours shifts between 5:30-9 p.m. To be inside, should be age 14+, 5'3"-6'3" and waistline 38" or less.

### Clover Kids Show & Tell, Aug. 8

All Clover Kids, youth age 5-7 by January 1, 2009, are invited to show & tell their 4-H exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 8, starting at 1 p.m.

Clover Kids Show & Tell is held in the Lincoln Room at the Lancaster Event Center. Youth are also invited to do a skit or song at this time. See page 33 of the Fair Book for more information. To register, call 441-7180 by July 31, or sign up at the static exhibit area Monday, Aug. 3, 4-8 p.m.

### Static Exhibit Release Time Sunday, Aug. 9, Noon-2 p.m.

All static exhibits will be released on Sunday, Aug. 9 between Noon-2 p.m. This includes 4-H and Open Class exhibits.



Get ready for fun at the 2009 Nebraska State Fair Friday, Aug. 28 through Monday, Sept. 7! For a schedule of 4-H at the state fair and more, go to <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair>

### Animal Entries Due Aug. 9

4-H & FFA animal exhibitors ages 10-18 are eligible to participate at the Nebraska State Fair regardless of county fair placing. **State Fair 4-H & FFA animal entry forms are due to Lancaster County 4-H staff no later than Sunday, Aug. 9 at the county fair.** Forms will be available online or at the livestock office at fair. Registration fees must be included with entries.

### Static Exhibits

At the county fair, 4-H static exhibits will be selected for the Nebraska State Fair by the judges in the respective areas. A state fair sticker will be placed on all exhibits selected for state fair. 4-H members with qualifying static exhibits will receive information in the mail after County Fair about entering at the State Fair.

### State Fair Gate Passes

State Fair gate 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.

### Volunteer at the 2009 Nebraska State Fair!

Hundreds of people volunteer their time and energy in making the 4-H section at the Nebraska State Fair incredibly successful. Along with the opportunity to participate in this great event, meet new people and provide assistance to fairgoers, each volunteer will receive a free parking pass and gate entrance pass to the State Fair for the day(s) they volunteer.

A schedule of events and volunteer times, as well as a volunteer interest form are online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair>. For more information, contact Doug Swanson at 472-2805.