



2023 Lancaster County 4-H/FFA Livestock Checklist

DEADLINES & EVENTS

- March 7, 6–7 p.m.** — Market beef weigh-in at Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds – Pavilion 2, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln.
- May 9, 6–7 p.m.** — Sheep and goat weigh-in at Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds – Pavilion 1, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln
- May 25 & June 8, 6–7 p.m.** — Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Face-to-Face Training for Livestock Animals at Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln.
- June 15** — No Late Entries Accepted
 - 4-H enrollment due online at <https://v2.4honline.com> — must list project(s) each member plans to enter at Super Fair.
 - Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training must be completed, and certificates due to the Extension office or emailed to lancaster4h@unl.edu.
 - Super Fair identification certificates/affidavits for beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and llamas/alpacas are due to Extension office or emailed to lancaster4h@unl.edu.
 - State Fair breeding and market livestock nominations must be entered and paid at <https://showstockmgr.com> (step-by-step instructions are online at <https://go.unl.edu/sfnomination>). DNA envelopes due to Extension office for State Fair.
- June 19–July 1** — Animal entries for the Lancaster County Super Fair must be submitted online at <https://go.unl.edu/lcani> between June 19 and July 1, 11:59 p.m. No late entries accepted.
- August 10 by 8 p.m.** — State Fair animal entries due online at <http://nebr.fairwire.com>. Select whether showing in 4-H or FFA.

ID REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPER FAIR

Pick up tags and ID forms from Extension office (forms are also at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair>). ID forms may be emailed to lancaster4h@unl.edu or left in the 4-H drop box after hours. 4-H drop box will be used to distribute tags after hours.

MARKET BEEF, FEEDER CALVES

- Tagged with a 4-H ear tag*
- Submit Market ID Certificate (market beef)
- Submit Breeding ID Certificate (feeder calf)

BREEDING BEEF

- Breeding beef tattoo is their ID number*
- Submit Breeding ID Certificate

*FFA members can use an EID tag for breeding beef and feeder calves.

BUCKET CALVES (require a record book)

- Tagged with a 4-H ear tag
- Submit Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit

SHEEP, MEAT GOATS

- Tagged with a USDA scrapie tag (for more info, call 1-866-USDA-TAG or go to www.eradicatescrapie.org)
- Submit Market or Breeding ID Certificate

SWINE

- Tagged with a 4-H ear tag
- Submit Market or Breeding ID Certificate

DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS & PYGMY GOATS

- Submit Dairy Cattle or Dairy Goat ID Affidavit

RABBITS

- All rabbits must have a permanent, LEGIBLE I.D. (tattoo) in the left ear.
- Submit Rabbit Ownership Affidavit (ID form)

ID REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE FAIR

New in 2023: Each livestock project must have a DNA envelope submitted and a \$7 nomination paid on Show Stock Manager by June 15. This includes feeder calves, and all market and breeding livestock for ALL SPECIES (excluding rabbits and poultry). With this update, livestock animals will automatically be eligible for both breeding and market.

Pick up tags and DNA envelopes from the Extension office. 4-H drop box will be used to distribute tags and DNA envelopes after hours. To request tags or DNA envelopes, contact the Lancaster County Extension office at 402-441-7180. Submit completed DNA envelopes to Extension office during open hours, or after hours, place in the Extension Drop Box (use the locked, silver mailbox within).

MARKET & BREEDING: BEEF, FEEDER CALVES, SHEEP, SWINE, MEAT GOATS

- Obtain Premise ID from Nebraska Department of Ag and submit it to the Extension office.
- All market beef, feeder calves, breeding and market swine must be tagged with an official 840 USDA EID tag, owned by the exhibitor, and have DNA envelope and hair sample submitted to the Extension office by June 15.
- Registered heifers MUST have legible tattoo matching registration and online nomination. Commercial heifers may have a legible tattoo OR an EID tag matching the online nomination. Any heifer not having a legible tattoo or that shows evidence of a fresh or recent tattoo, will be disqualified from the show.
- All breeding and market sheep and meat goats must be tagged with a USDA official scrapie ID, owned by the exhibitor, have completed the online nomination entry and have the DNA collector envelope with hair sample submitted to the Extension Office by June 15. For more info on obtaining USDA official scrapie ID, call 1-866-USDA-TAG or go to eradicatescrapie.org.
- DNA Envelopes for all livestock nominations (breeding, market, and feeder calves) submitted to Extension office by June 15.
- All livestock nomination(s) must be entered and paid at <https://showstockmgr.com> by June 15. (more information and step-by-step instructions are at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor>) (\$7 per head for all livestock nominations).

DAIRY CATTLE

- Submit completed ID affidavit.

RABBITS

- Nebraska State Fair does not require a separate ID form, however, tattoo must be listed during the online entry process.

4-H/FFA Animal Requirements for Super Fair and State Fair

Animal identification requirements

- All livestock and rabbit identifications — as well as DNA envelopes — are due by **JUNE 15**. See **Livestock Checklist on previous page**.
- Horse identifications are due **JUNE 1** for the Lancaster County Super Fair.
- 4-H poultry, dogs, cats and household pets do not require identification form.

Premises ID requirement for market animals

All 4-H/FFA market animals carrying an EID tag are required to have a Premises ID (this includes any that may show at only the county level) (note: market rabbits do not need a Premises ID). In order to show at the Nebraska State Fair, a Premises ID must be on file for a market animal exhibitor.

A Premises ID number can be obtained through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by calling 402-471-2351 or 1-800-572-2437. Only one Premises ID is necessary for a family with multiple exhibitors (provided livestock are housed at the same location). Only one Premises ID is necessary for an exhibitor that shows multiple species (provided livestock are housed at the same location). The Premises ID number should correlate to the location in which livestock are kept/housed permanently. For more information, go to www.nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html.

The Premises ID number must be recorded on all livestock identifications.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals requirements for 4-H/FFA members exhibiting **ANY livestock project** at the Lancaster County Super Fair and/or Nebraska State Fair

4-H/FFA youth enrolled in any of the following animal projects will need to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training:

- Beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef)
- Dairy cattle
- Goat (breeding meat goat, market meat goat, bottle meat goat, dairy/pygmy goat)
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep (breeding sheep, market sheep)
- Swine (breeding swine, market swine)

Deadline to complete YQCA and submit certificates of completion is **JUNE 15**. Send completed certificates to lancaster4h@unl.edu or Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Ste. A, Lincoln, NE 68528.

Youth must be currently enrolled at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H members. In Lancaster County, youth may choose one of two options to complete their YQCA requirements:

- Complete online training at <https://yqcaprogram.org>. Cost is \$12. For directions and more information, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>.
- Attend a face-to-face training held Thursday, May 25 or Thursday, June 8, 6–7 p.m. at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Suite A, Lincoln. To sign up for face-to-face trainings, you must go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> before the training. The training will cost \$3 payable by credit or debit card on the website. We cannot take payments in person, all families must register and pay online. You must sign in as proof of attendance — certificates will be available online.

If you have further questions, contact the Extension office at 402-441-7180.

Aksarben Stock Show

The Aksarben Stock Show has transitioned to junior livestock show format. Under the junior show model, youth from 9–19 years of age are eligible for the competition with no prerequisite of youth organization affiliation. The Aksarben Stock Show will be held Sept 21–24, 2023 in Grand Island. **New in 2023: any DNA nomination for State Fair submitted through Show Stock Manager will also be eligible for exhibition at the Aksarben Stock Show.** Exhibitors showing livestock at the Stock Show ONLY must get DNA envelopes from Aksarben and provide down payment. For more information about the Aksarben Stock Show, go to www.aksarbenstockshow.com or contact the show office at info@showaksarben.com or 308-382-1620.