



Overview of Exhibiting in 4-H at Lancaster County Super Fair



AUG. 3–12, 2023

4-H & FFA Exhibits & Events Aug. 3–6

4-H Horse Shows Aug. 2–6

Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds
84th & Havelock

The Lancaster County 4-H & FFA Fair Book contains entry information for youth exhibiting in 4-H/FFA. Fair Books have been mailed to all 4-H & FFA families. It is also available at the Extension office and online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair>. There are two versions online: one is the same as the printed version with changes not indicated, and one with changes from last year indicated in green text.

Open Class entry information and schedule will be online by May 1 at www.SuperFair.org. Anyone can participate in open class categories.



The information below is from the 2023 Lancaster County Super Fair Book, pages 11–13.

Youth may enroll in 4-H in more than one county, however, they may NOT enroll in the same project area in more than one county in the same year (example: beef, horse, food, clothing, etc.). The 4-H/FFA rules in this Fair Book apply to ALL 4-H youth exhibiting at the Lancaster County Super Fair — regardless of place of residence — including premium payout and all release times.

Lancaster County Super Fair participation

Many 4-H & FFA youth choose to showcase their finished project(s) at the fair. Only 4-H and FFA members enrolled in Lancaster County are eligible to exhibit in the Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H & FFA areas.

4-H is open to all youth ages 5–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year). Families with youth interested in joining 4-H should call the Extension office at 402-441-7180 or email lancaster4H@unl.edu. There is no fee to enroll in 4-H in Lancaster County.

To participate in 4-H at the fair, youth **MUST BE ENROLLED** at <https://v2.4honline.com> by JUNE 15 of

the current year. Only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H members. To exhibit projects in the fair, 4-H members must be enrolled in the respective project unless otherwise stated. Select projects at <https://v2.4honline.com> by June 15. Project examples: Home Environment-Design Decisions, Food & Nutrition-Cooking 101 and Rabbit. This does not include the specific fair classes within each project area, such as: wall hanging, baked cookies and rabbit breed class. When signing up for individual projects, note the abbreviations for the project areas. The abbreviations are on the 4-H Project List at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/club/ProjectList.pdf>. For example, you will find “Design Decisions” under C&FS which stands for Consumer and Family Science instead of under ‘D’ or “Home Environment.”

4-H Clover Kids ages 5–7

4-H members ages 5–7 (by January 1 of the current year) are considered 4-H Clover Kids. Clover Kids receive participation ribbons only. See Fair Book page 13 for information how Clover Kids may participate at Super Fair.

4-H youth ages 8–18

4-H members ages 8–18 (by January 1 of the current year) may:

- enter **STATIC EXHIBITS** (exhibits which don't move — for example, Food & Nutrition, Photography, and Science, Engineering & Technology)
- enter **ANIMAL EXHIBITS** and/or
- compete in **CONTESTS**.

All categories listed in the 4-H & FFA areas are open to 4-H'ers ages 8–18 except FFA static exhibits and 4-H Clover Kids activities.

Class and exhibitor numbers

Class numbers are needed for ALL 4-H & FFA entries — and must be entered on the appropriate entry form. Class numbers are found in the Fair Book to the left of each class description. Exhibitor numbers are needed on static exhibit entry tags — exhibitor numbers will be available during static exhibit check-in or you may call Extension at 402-441-7180 to find out your exhibitor number. Your exhibitor number may change from year to year.

T-Shirts

4-H attire is encouraged for 4-H contests, but not required. Official 4-H T-shirt is required for all Lancaster County Super Fair animal shows (see animal project pages in this Fair Book for specific attire requirements). Livestock and poultry exhibitors each receive a free T-Shirt at Super Fair courtesy of sponsors — see Fair Book page 49. White 4-H T-shirts, chevrons and arm bands are available for sale at the Extension office before the fair. They may also be purchased at the Extension 4-H fair office at the fairgrounds during the week of the fair. Volunteer T-shirts are also available for sale.

Ribbons and premiums

4-H/FFA exhibits are awarded ribbons based on the Danish System of judging in which exhibits are judged according to merit. Purple ribbons = superior; blue = excellent; red = good; white = fair. Only purple and blue ribbons are eligible for trophies and special awards.

The Lancaster County Agricultural Society awards premium monies according to exhibit class and ribbon placing. Premium amounts are indicated in the Fair Book within each category.

Judges' decisions are FINAL!

4-H & FFA entry pass hangtags

4-H/FFA exhibitors can get free 4-H/FFA entry pass hangtags for their immediate families at the Extension office (available July 1–Aug. 4) or Extension 4-H fair, horse and livestock offices at the Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds (available during the 4-H/FFA portion of the fair). These entry passes allow one vehicle and its occupants to enter the fairgrounds each day Thursday, Aug. 3–Saturday, August 12 and park in designated areas (see fairgrounds map and signs on fairgrounds). Your hangtag will be honored all 10 days of the Super Fair! Hangtags are not needed Aug. 1–2.

4-H/FFA families may enter Gate 1 (84th Street) or Gate 3 (Havelock Avenue — 2nd driveway). Gate 3 right lane will be an exhibitor express lane when possible. Static exhibitors are recommended to use Gate 1 on check-in/check-out days.

Every 4-H/FFA vehicle needs an entry pass hangtag — NO EXCEPTIONS — so be sure to get a hangtag for every vehicle used during the fair (e.g. mom, dad, teen exhibitors that drive). General parking without the entry pass will be \$5 daily.

These passes are for 4-H/FFA members and their immediate families only. Please do not abuse this privilege.

4-H/FFA premium payouts procedure

Read carefully — premiums not picked up at the specified time will be forfeited!

Review premium payouts carefully and report any errors to 4-H staff. No changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after 14 days.

STATIC EXHIBITS and CONTESTS (except Livestock Judging and rabbit contests): Premium payouts for all static exhibits and contests held before and during the fair must be picked up on **Monday, August 7, 7–11 a.m. in the Lincoln Room**. 4-H/FFA members or their representatives may pick up premium payouts — a signature will be required. Please pick up premium payouts BEFORE picking up static exhibits. Staff at the payout table will provide a list of each 4-H'ers static exhibits, which will help families collect all of their projects without leaving any behind.

ANIMAL EXHIBITORS (except horse, rabbit and poultry): All 4-H & FFA animal exhibitors will receive premium payouts as they exit the show arena or at the conclusion of the show. Livestock Judging Contest participants will receive premium payouts after the contest.

HORSE EXHIBITORS: Premium payouts must be picked up on **Monday, August 7, 7–11 a.m. in the Lincoln Room**. The entire 4-H club must have removed all bedding from each stall in order for premiums to be received. Stalls will be checked. 4-H/FFA members or their representatives may pick up premium payouts — a signature will be required.

RABBIT EXHIBITORS: All rabbit payouts (including rabbit shows and contests) will be made to 4-H'ers at the Rabbit Awards Ceremony on Sunday, Aug. 6, 5:30 p.m. in the Business Center – Nebraska Room.

POULTRY EXHIBITORS: Poultry premium payouts (including poultry shows and contests) must be picked up from the 4-H/FFA livestock office in Pavilion 1 during specified date and time. Date and time will be posted at the livestock office upon conclusion of the poultry show. Premiums not picked up by Sunday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. will be forfeited.