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Lancaster County

Dear 4-H Organizational Leaders and Independent Members:

The Lancaster County Super Fair will be here before we know it! For 4-H members, that means working on projects to enter. For leaders and parents, that means helping members keep track of entry forms and deadlines. This packet includes helpful information about exhibiting in 4-H at the Lancaster County Super Fair. Please read the packet and return needed information by the deadlines indicated. The following enclosures are included:

• **LEADER'S CHECKLIST FOR LANCASTER COUNTY SUPER FAIR** (on back)

• **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

- **Club leaders** — carefully review your club roster to ensure all 4-H'ers listed are members of your 4-H club. Currently enrolled 4-H club leaders can access their 4-H club's roster via 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com> by calling 402-441-7180 or emailing lancaster4H@unl.edu to receive a password. If changes are needed, only parents/guardians can make changes through 4-H Online. If you have any questions, call 402-441-7180 or email lancaster4H@unl.edu.
- **Independent members** — review your information via 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com>.



• **4-H MEMBER & VOLUNTEER ONLINE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

• **NEBRASKA 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS**

- **2023–2024 4-H PROJECT LIST** (New in Fall 2023: The project listing in 4-H Online has been narrowed down from 200+ projects to approximately 50 youth project areas. For example: “Design Decisions” is now under “Home Design & Restoration.” “Aerospace” is now under “STEM: Rockets.” “STEAM Clothing 1” is now under “Textile, Quilts & Apparel.”)

• **LANCASTER COUNTY SUPER FAIR INFORMATION**

- Overview of Exhibiting in 4-H at Lancaster County Super Fair
- Volunteer at 4-H Food Stand at Super Fair
- How 4-H Clover Kids May Participate in the Lancaster County Super Fair
- How to Enter 4-H Contests at the Lancaster County Super Fair
- How to Enter 4-H Static Exhibits at the Lancaster County Super Fair
- Livestock Checklist/Animal Requirements for Super Fair and State Fair

Thanks for all you do for 4-H! We appreciate your dedication to serving the youth in Lancaster County. You do make a difference. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Sincerely,

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4-H Leader's Checklist for Lancaster County Super Fair

Check when done:

- Life Challenge County Contest on Thursday, May 30** — Remind 4-H'ers to **register by May 20** by emailing Kristin Geisert at kristin.geisert@unl.edu. This contest will be held on Thursday, May 30, 8:30 a.m. at Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A.
- Horse identifications due June 1** — Remind horse exhibitors to complete horse IDs by June 1.
- Member & volunteer enrollment is due via 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com> by Saturday, June 15** — If not already enrolled this year, must enroll or re-enroll by June 15 to participate in 4-H at fair.
- Animal identification requirements due Saturday, June 15** — Remind livestock and rabbit exhibitors to complete animal identifications — a well as DNA envelopes, if needed — by June 15. Note there are new DNA envelopes for 2024 — old envelopes are NO LONGER VALID.
- Youth for the Quality Care of Animals requirements due Saturday, June 15** — Inform animal exhibitors enrolled in any of the following animal projects that they must complete YQCA by June 15: beef, dairy cattle, dairy/pygmy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep or swine.
- Plant Science Contests on Tuesday, June 18** — Remind 4-H'ers to **register by June 17** by calling 402-441-7180. Enrollment in a horticulture project is not required to participate. The contest is Tuesday, June 18, 10 a.m.–Noon at Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Suite A.
- Animal entries must be submitted online June 18–July 1** — Inform animal exhibitors that all 4-H/FFA animal entries for Super Fair (including horse entries) must be entered online at <https://go.unl.edu/lcani>. This includes stall/pen requests and livestock/poultry exhibitor T-shirt sizes.
- Fashion Show Judging and Public Show on Tuesday, July 23 & Thursday, Aug. 1** — Remind 4-H'ers to **register by July 15**. Fashion Show has entry forms which must be emailed to Kristen Geisert at kristin.geisert@unl.edu. Judging, as well as a Clover Kids Optional Modeling Practice Session, is Tuesday, July 23, any time after 8 a.m. in the morning at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms and lobby, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Suite A, Lincoln. The public show is Thursday, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center – South Hall (formerly Exhibit Hall) during the Super Fair.
- Fair forms/tags/cards/certificates/affidavits** — Remind 4-H families many fair-related forms/tags/cards/certificates/affidavits are available online at <https://lancaster/4h/fair> and at the Extension office. Static Exhibit Entry Tags are not available online because they are a carbon-copy triplicate — it is highly encouraged to pick up these tags and fill them out beforehand, however they will be available during Static Exhibit check-in.
- Static Exhibit Check-In on Tuesday, July 30** — Remind 4-H'ers to bring exhibits to Static Exhibit Check-In on Tuesday, July 30 between 4 to 8 p.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center – Ag Society Hall (formerly Lincoln Room).
- Static Exhibit Interview Judging on Wednesday, July 31** — Encourage 4-H'ers to sign up for 5-minute time slots to talk to judges about their fair static exhibits by calling 402-441-7180 **between July 5 and July 26**. Or, sign up during Static Exhibit Check-In on Tuesday, July 30, 4–8 p.m. in the Ag Society Hall. Interview Judging is Wednesday, July 31 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center – Ag Society Hall (formerly Lincoln Room).
- Table Setting Contest on Friday, Aug. 2** — Remind 4-H families to **register by July 23** by calling 402-441-7180. The contest is Friday, Aug. 2 at the Sandhills Global Event Center – South Hall (formerly Exhibit Hall) during the Super Fair. Time slots will be assigned at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.
- Clover Kids Show & Tell on Sunday, Aug. 4** — Remind Clover Kids' parents to call 402-441-7180 **between July 8 and July 26 to sign up** for a 15-minute time slot between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. **or sign up during Static Exhibit Check-In on Tuesday, July 30**, 4–8 p.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center – Ag Society Hall (formerly Lincoln Room). Show & Tell is Sunday, Aug. 4 starting at 1 p.m. Ag Society Hall during the Super Fair.
- 4-H Food Stand** — Sign up club members for a shift at <https://go.unl.edu/foodstandsignup>. The food stand at the Super Fair (open Aug. 1–4) is 4-H Council's primary fundraiser. Food stand sales support several important 4-H programs and activities such as: Achievement Celebration, Information Night, college and camp scholarships, support for state and national contest registrations, and much more!
- 4-H/FFA Entry Pass Hangtags** — Remind 4-H families to pick up hangtags for every vehicle used at fair (e.g. mom, dad, teen exhibitors that drive) at the Extension office available July 1–July 31.

4-H Member & Leader Online Enrollment

Must be Completed at <https://v2.4honline.com> by June 15 for Youth to Participate in the Fair

All 4-H members, organizational leaders and project leaders must re-enroll for the 2023–2024 4-H year (Note: project volunteers and parent helpers do not need to enroll as volunteers). To participate in 4-H at county and state fairs, you must enroll or re-enroll by June 15.

The website to enroll or re-enroll is 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com>.

New in Fall 2023: The project listing in 4-H Online has been narrowed down from 200+ projects to approximately 50 youth project areas. For example: “Design Decisions” is now under “Home Design & Restoration.” “Aerospace” is now under “STEM: Rockets.” “STEAM Clothing 1” is now under “Textile, Quilts & Apparel.” See the 2023–24 4-H Project List at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/club/ProjectList.pdf>.

Only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H members. Each 4-H household will need to initially set up a profile in which the 4-H youth and/or volunteers in the household will be added. For returning families/volunteers, please do not create a new account — use your previous log-in credentials. There is no fee to enroll in 4-H in Lancaster County.

NOTES:

- **The only required health information is regarding allergies and permission to treat.**
- **Response to “Image Permission” is required.**
- **For enrollment to be complete, at least one project needs to be selected as well as choosing a club (or Lancaster Independent or FFA chapter).**

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: 4-H members enrolling as independent need to select “Lancaster Independent” under “Club.”

FFA MEMBERS: FFA members need to select their FFA chapter under “Club.”

VOLUNTEERS: 4-H club and project leaders must re-enroll every year. Choose organizational leader or project leader when enrolling, not project volunteer.

CLUB ROSTERS: Currently enrolled 4-H club leaders can access their 4-H club’s roster at <https://v2.4honline.com> by calling 402-441-7180 or emailing lancaster4H@unl.edu to receive a password.

Step-by-step instructions for new and returning members, as well as new and returning club leaders, are at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/enroll>. If you have questions about the process, contact the 4-H staff at lancaster4H@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.



Nebraska 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Adults

The primary goal of the 4-H Program is to help youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community and sound character. Actions by youth and adults involved with the 4-H Program will be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship.

Youth and adults will:

- Treat all people and property with respect, courtesy, consideration and compassion. Avoid and prevent putdowns, insults, name calling, swearing and other language or nonverbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- Keep informed about 4-H program policies and projects and read materials pertaining to the county 4-H program.
- Teach and model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all people have skills and talents which can be used to help others and improve the community. Foster teamwork and discourage selfishness.
- Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others. Make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or disability. Decisions will be made fairly and treat all individuals and families with impartiality.
- Obey laws and rules as an obligation of being a good citizen. Accept responsibility for the proper treatment and care for other youth and adults, the program facilities and/or equipment.
- Demonstrate the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- Not use alcohol or illegal substances (or be under the influence) while working with or participating in any part of the 4-H Program.
- Provide a safe environment for all parties involved in 4-H. Protect those involved from sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect or other harmful behaviors.



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



AUG. 1–10, 2024

4-H & FFA Exhibits & Events Aug. 1–4

4-H Horse Shows July 31–Aug. 4

Sandhills Global Event Center

84th & Havelock, Lincoln

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 <https://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 June 1

at SuperFair.org. Anyone can participate in open class categories.



The information below is from the 2024 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.). FFA youth may show an FFA project as FFA in one county and as 4-H in another county. The 4-H/FFA rules in this Fair Book apply to ALL 4-H & FFA 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 or FFA at the fair, youth must be enrolled in 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com> by June 15

of the current year. Only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H/FFA members. During the enrollment process, youth will need to select at least one project in order for their enrollment to be complete. Project selection is required for Shooting Sports and Horse projects by June 15. When selecting projects in 4-H Online, refer to the 4-H Project List at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/club/ProjectList.pdf>. For example, you will find “Home Design & Restoration” under Consumer & Family Science and “Rabbit” under Animal Science. New in Fall 2023: The project listing in 4-H Online has been narrowed down from 200+ projects to approximately 50 youth project areas. For example: “Design Decisions” is now under “Home Design & Restoration.” “Aerospace” is now under “STEM: Rockets.” “STEAM Clothing 1” is now under “Textile, Quilts & Apparel.”

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 on how Clover Kids may participate at Super Fair.

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4-H youth ages 8–18

4-H members ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) may choose to participate in any combination of the following:

- **STATIC EXHIBITS** (exhibits which don't move on their own — for example, Photography, Food & Nutrition, and STEM Rockets)
- **ANIMAL EXHIBITS**
- **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.

4-H has many project books to help teach projects. These are available to purchase at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County office or online through UNL Marketplace and Shop 4-H.

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. Exhibitor numbers change from year to year.

T-shirts

4-H attire is encouraged for 4-H contests, but not required. An 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 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 Sandhills Global Event Center 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 — Good for All 10 Days!

4-H/FFA exhibitors can get free 4-H/FFA Entry Pass Hangtags for their immediate families at the Extension office (available July 1–July 31) or Extension 4-H fair, horse and livestock offices at the Sandhills Global Event Center (SGEC) (available during the 4-H/FFA portion of the fair). These 4-H & FFA Entry Pass Hangtags allow one vehicle and its occupants to enter the SGEC fairgrounds each day Thursday, Aug. 1–Saturday, Aug. 10 and park in designated areas (see map on back and signs on SGEC fairgrounds). Your hangtag will be honored all 10 days of the Super Fair! Hangtags are not needed July 30–31.

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 (see instructions on page 8).

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). Fair Parking Pass for vehicles without the 4-H/FFA Entry Pass Hangtag will be \$15 per day per vehicle and will now include fair gate admission for all people in the vehicle.

These 4-H & FFA hangtags are for 4-H/FFA exhibitors and their immediate families only. Please do not abuse this privilege to support the Super Fair.

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, rabbit and poultry contests): Premium payouts for all static exhibits and contests held before and during the fair must be picked up on **Monday, Aug. 5, 7–11 a.m. in the Ag Society Hall.** 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, Aug. 5, 7–11 a.m. in the Ag Society Hall.** 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. 4, 5:30 p.m. in the Currency Pavilion – Southwest Corner.

POULTRY EXHIBITORS: Poultry premium payouts (including poultry shows and contests) must be picked up from the 4-H/FFA livestock office in Currency Pavilion 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. 4 at 7 p.m. will be forfeited.

Volunteer at 4-H Food Stand at Super Fair

Help Raise Money for 4-H and Have Fun!

The 4-H food stand at the Lancaster County Super Fair is Lancaster County 4-H Council's primary fundraiser. The food stand has windows in the Ag Society Hall (formerly Lincoln Room) and FR8Star Pavilion (formerly Multi-Purpose Arena).

4-H Council asks clubs and independent members to help by staffing a shift at the 4-H food stand.

Large clubs should divide into two shifts. At any given time 6 youth (ages 8 & up) are needed with at least 4 adults helping. Youth gain practical experience handling food safely and counting change. They also gain life skills, such as responsibility, critical thinking and social skills.

4-H Council financially supports several important 4-H programs and activities such as: Achievement Celebration, Information Night, college and camp scholarships, support for state and national contest registrations, and much more!



Choose a shift

Days	Shifts each day
Thursday, Aug. 1	9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.; 12:30–3:45 p.m.; 3:30–6:45 p.m.; 6:30–9:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 2	9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.; 12:30–3:45 p.m.; 3:30–6:45 p.m.; 6:30–9:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 3	9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.; 12:30–3:45 p.m.; 3:30–6:45 p.m.; 6:30–9:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 4	9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.; 12:30–3:45 p.m.; 3:30–6:45 p.m.; 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Sign up

Again this year, sign up is online at <https://go.unl.edu/foodstandsignup>. Available time slots will be updated as clubs/independent members sign up. If signing up as a club, only club name is needed in the slots. If you don't have access to the internet, call Tracy at 402-441-7180. Sign up available after June 1.

Training on Sunday, July 28

All volunteers are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend a food stand training on Sunday, July 28, 5 p.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center – Ag Society Hall (formerly Lincoln Room).



How 4-H Clover Kids May Participate in the Lancaster County Super Fair

The information below is reprinted from the 2024 Lancaster County Super Fair Book, page 13.

Clover Kid exhibitors must be age 5–7 (by January 1 of the current year) and enrolled as 4-H Clover Kids. Exhibitors may choose from any combination of Prepared Speech & Radio PSA Contest, Fashion Show, Static Exhibits, Show & Tell and Animal Showmanship activities. Clubs may choose from any combination of group club projects.

4-H Clover Kids receive participation ribbons only — no trophies, premiums or awards are given. No state fair entry.



PREPARED SPEECH & RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

2024 contest was held in March.

2025 Contest dates:

- **PREPARED SPEECH:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. — Registration due March 25
- **RADIO PSA:** Entries due March 25, 2025 — 2025 Theme TBA

FASHION SHOW

Register by Monday, July 15

Clover Kids Optional Modeling Practice Session: Tuesday, July 23, any time after 8 a.m. in the morning (Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County Lobby)

Public Fashion Show: Thursday, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m. (Sandhills Global Event Center – South Hall)

CLOVER KIDS FASHION SHOW PROJECT

Clover Kid members may model or carry 1 item in the Fashion Show. Clover Kids Fashion Show items may NOT be entered for static exhibit judging.

Register by submitting “4-H Clover Kids Fashion Show Entry Form” (available at the Extension office and online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest>). Submit to the Extension office or email to Kristin Geisert at kristin.geisert@unl.edu by Monday, July 15.

Clover Kids may:

- Carry and show: pillow, pillowcase, purse, bag or other item they have sewn or decorated/embellished.
- Wear: purchased top, shorts, pants, apron, cape, skirt or dress they have decorated/embellished.
- Wear: top, shorts, pants or apron they have sewn.
- Clover shoppers: wear a purchased outfit on a budget.

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STATIC EXHIBITS

Static Exhibit Check-in: Tuesday, July 30, 4–8 p.m.
(Ag Society Hall)

Static Exhibits Released: Monday, Aug. 5, 7–11 a.m.
(Ag Society Hall)

See Fair Book page 19 for Static Exhibit check-in and release procedures. A Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H Clover Kids Entry Tag **MUST** be completed for each Clover Kids static exhibit (tags available at Extension office before the fair and at the Sandhills Global Event Center during static exhibit check-in).

NO LIVE ANIMALS—members may bring pictures, a poster or booklet about their animal activity.

Note: All static exhibits will be on display during the Show & Tell activity. Posters limited to 22 inches x 28 inches.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT

Clover Kid members may enter up to 5 individual static exhibits.

GROUP CLUB PROJECT

Clubs may enter 1 group static exhibit.

SHOW & TELL

Sign Up: Call the Extension office at 402-441-7180 between July 8 and July 26, or in person Tuesday, July 30, 4–8 p.m. (Ag Society Hall)

Show & Tell Time: Sunday, Aug. 4, 15 minute time slots 1–2:30 p.m. (Ag Society Hall – Clover Kids Exhibit Area)



RESOURCE: VIDEOS

Two YouTube videos of Show & Tell, “4-H Clover Kids” and “4-H Clover Kids Show & Tell,” are online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#static>

Clover Kids may choose to show & tell from any combination of the following:

STATIC EXHIBIT

Clover Kid members may show & tell 1 static exhibit.

SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBIT

Clover Kid members may show & tell 1 small animal.

- Only cats, dogs, rabbits or other small pets are allowed.
- Small animals are shown as a Show & Tell activity only.
- Animals must follow all health regulations on Fair Book page 49 and for each animal species (refer to category).
- For safety, small animals must be housed in appropriate cages/ carriers (including dogs).

GROUP CLUB PROJECT

Clubs may choose from one of the following:

- Club members show & tell 1 group static exhibit.
- Skit or song — 5 minutes or less (members participate as a club)

ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP

Most livestock shows and the Rabbit Specialty Show include a 4-H Clover Kids Showmanship class for 4-H members ages 5–7 (by January 1 of the current year). Participants must be enrolled in Lancaster County 4-H as a Clover Kid. This class is meant to foster an understanding of the show ring, animal handling practices and gain experience for younger youth.

To participate, enrolled 4-H Clover Kids should talk to 4-H or FFA members to find an animal to show and a helper age 13 or older to help handle the animal during showmanship. Animals must weigh less than 350 pounds. Listen to show announcers for instructions on how 4-H Clover Kids may participate.

The Nebraska 4-H policy for Animal Exhibits for Clover Kids is online at <https://4h.unl.edu/policy-handbook/section-16>.



How to Enter 4-H Contests at the Lancaster County Super Fair

The information below is from the 2024 Lancaster County Super Fair Book, pages 14–18 and 62. See Fair Book for information about Prepared Speech & Public Service Announcement, Presentation, Shooting Sports, Rabbit Judging, Poultry Judging, Horse Judging and Livestock Elite Showmanship contests.

All 4-H contests are open to 4-H'ers ages 8–18 unless otherwise stated. Premium payouts for all contests held before and during the fair must be picked up on Monday, August 5, 7–11 a.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center – Ag Society Hall (except livestock judging, rabbit and poultry contests).

EACH INDIVIDUAL IS LIMITED TO ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER unless indicated otherwise. A specific project can only be entered in 1 category or class except Fashion Show garments must also be entered in the Static Exhibit clothing.

Dog Virtual Trivia

The 4-H Dog Virtual Trivia Contest is an opportunity for youth to test their knowledge of dog science and skills in working with dogs — as well as expand their knowledge.

Held before the fair, this contest will be available:

Wednesday, May 8, Noon through Wednesday, May 15, 11:59 p.m. Registration is not required.

The contest consists of questions including, but not limited to, breed identification, dog body language, grooming, parasites and nutrition/feed (age/stage). This year's contest will focus on Sporting and Foundation Stock Service/Miscellaneous dog breeds.

Contest links for each age division, as well as study resources, will be posted at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/virtualanimals>. No study resources are to be used online while participating in this contest.

Life Challenge

The 4-H Life Challenge judging contest helps youth learn more about issues related to family and consumer science (FCS). Held before the fair, this contest will be **Thursday, May 30, 8:30 a.m.** at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln. **Register by Monday, May 20** by calling 402-441-7180 (there is no entry form) or emailing Kristin Geisert at kristin.geisert@unl.edu. A study packet is available online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/lifechallenge>.

Plant Science Contest

Open to all 4-H'ers ages 9–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year) from all counties. Held before the fair, this contest will be on **Tuesday, June 18, 10 a.m.–Noon** at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln. **Register by Monday, June 17** by calling 402-441-7180. Youth choose which contest(s) to participate in. Participants will be able to use a list of plants while identifying samples. Ribbons will be awarded at the Super Fair or mailed.

- **Tree Identification** — identify tree samples. See “Tree Identification Manual” (4H332) for list of trees that will be used.
- **Weed and Grass Identification** — identify weed and grass samples.
- **Horticulture Contest** — identify samples of vegetables, fruits, nuts, herbs and landscape ornamentals. The plant list contains plants that are commonly used or sold in Nebraska.



RESOURCES: STUDY RESOURCES

A compiled list of study resources, including plant lists, publications and PowerPoints with photos, are available online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/hort-fair>

Fashion Show

Fashion Show is open to 4-H'ers ages 5–18.

Judging and a Clover Kids optional modeling practice session will be held before the fair on Tuesday, July 23, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms and lobby, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln. Time slots will be assigned for judging. Clover Kids may practice modeling any time after 8 a.m.

The public Fashion Show will be Thursday, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center – South Hall (formerly Exhibit Hall).

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Fashion Show garments must also be entered in the Static Exhibit clothing area. Garments should be age appropriate. Clothing garments to be modeled shall display tasteful design and modestly cover the body. Examples of design features to avoid include, but are not limited to, revealing low-cut necklines, extremely short hemlines, extremely short shorts and swimwear with minimal body coverage.

Once you have exhibited in a higher level, you are not eligible to exhibit in a lower level. Example: once you exhibit in STEAM Clothing 3, you are not eligible to exhibit in STEAM Clothing 2. Exhibitors may only exhibit in 1 level each year.

If a 4-H'er sewed a garment(s) for someone else to wear, garment(s) may be modeled by the individual it was sewn for.

Participants need to fill out one of the following entry forms for EACH entry:

- Fashion Show Narration Entry Form — sewn item(s); ages 8–18
- Shopping in Style Fashion Show Written Report With Narration — purchased item(s); ages 8–18
- Clover Kids Fashion Show Entry Form; ages 5–7

Forms MUST be emailed by Monday, July 15 and are available online as fill-in PDFs at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest>. Email forms to Kristen Geisert at kristin.geisert@unl.edu. For sewn garments, a printed copy of the completed Fashion Show Narration form including a fabric sample and sketch/picture of pattern **MUST** also be mailed or delivered to: Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln NE 68528. If computer submission is not possible, mail or deliver handwritten entries.

For each entry, 4-H'ers write the narration which will be read as they model their garments.

RESOURCES: HANDOUTS & VIDEO



A how-to handout, "4-H Fashion Show — Procedures and Information," is available online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest> and at the Extension office. All participants are strongly encouraged to read the handout.

Three YouTube livestreamed videos, "4-H Fashion Show at Super Fair" from 2021, 2022 and 2023 are at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest>

Table Setting Contest

4-H'ers may enter only one category and must bring a card table for the display (except for the picnic category, in which an appropriate blanket or other covering may be placed on the floor). **Contest will be Friday, Aug. 2** at the Sandhills Global Event Center – South Hall (formerly Exhibit Hall). **Register by Tuesday, July 23** by calling the Extension office at 402-441-7180 (there is no entry form). Time slots are assigned at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Participants are to display 1 place setting — include table coverings, dishes, glassware, silverware, centerpiece and menu. **DO NOT PREPARE FOOD.** Participant's attire should correspond with the theme/occasion of their table setting.

Why participate in the Table Setting Contest? It is a fun way to learn how to: properly set a table, plan nutritious meals, express originality and creativity in choosing a theme, present to a judge and express knowledge of food, nutrition and food safety.

RESOURCES: HANDOUTS & VIDEOS



A how-to handout, "4-H Table Setting Contest Procedures and Guidelines," is available online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest> and at the Extension office. All participants are strongly encouraged to read the handout.

Two YouTube video examples, "4-H Table Setting Judging Example: Birthday Senior Division (Re-enactment)" and "4-H Table Setting Judging Example: Casual Junior Division (Re-enactment)" are online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest>

Livestock Judging Contest

Open to 4-H and FFA members. Come join the fun judging livestock and bring your parents! There will be a short orientation before the contest outlining how to fill out the judging cards and where to answer questions for those who have never judged before.

Contest will be Sunday, Aug. 4, Noon–2 p.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center – Currency Pavilion Arena, West Side (formerly Pavilion 1). **Register by Thursday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m.** in the livestock office.

Youth may judge as individuals or teams. Teams will consist of 4 youth and 1 adult.

Seven classes shall consist of 2 beef, 2 sheep, 2 swine, 1 meat goat. Classes will be decided day of contest and could consist of market and/or breeding animals. Contestants will have 12 minutes to judge each class. No reasons will be given, however questions will be asked on 3 classes.



RESOURCE: VIDEO

A YouTube video, "4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest - Judge's Comments," is online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#livestock>

Horse Judging Contest

Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8–18 — need not be enrolled in the horse project. **Contest will be Saturday, June 1, 2 p.m.** at the Sandhills Global Event Center – LivestockMarket Pavilion. Enter day of contest. The Horse Judging Contest may consist of 4 classes of 4 horses, 2 halter and 2 performance, to be judged by 4-H members in the Elementary, Junior and Senior age divisions. 4-H members in the senior age division may be asked to judge 1 additional class. All division participants must complete 1 set of oral reasons to be eligible to win the championship buckle. The required dress for judging is a 4-H shirt or plain white T-shirt, blue jeans, belt, boots and 4-H armband OR English attire. No hats, shorts or sandals are permitted. Volunteers and handlers should be properly attired, while in and out of the ring. Note: This is a premium event but does not count as one of the premium events in the horse division.



How to Enter 4-H Static Exhibits at Lancaster County Super Fair

The information below is reprinted from the 2024 Lancaster County Super Fair Book, page 8 and 19.

All exhibits which don't move on their own (for example, Food & Nutrition; Photography; and Science, Technology Engineering & Math) are called static exhibits. At the Super Fair, 4-H/FFA static exhibits are showcased in the Ag Society Hall (formerly Lincoln Room) — which is air conditioned.

All 4-H static exhibit projects are open to all 4-H'ers ages 8–18 (by January 1 of the current year), unless otherwise stated.

Each individual is limited to only 1 entry per class number. A specific project can only be entered in 1 category or class — except Fashion Show garments must also be entered in the Static Exhibit clothing.

Projects must have been completed during the current 4-H year. NO exhibits allowed with references or components related to alcoholic beverages. They will be disqualified.

Static Exhibit Check-In Tuesday, July 30, 4–8 p.m.

All Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H & FFA static exhibits are not preregistered, but MUST be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-In on Tuesday, July 30 between 4 to 8 p.m. at the Sandhills Global Event Center, 84th & Havelock in the Ag Society Hall (formerly Lincoln Room). An adult — such as a club leader or parent(s) — should assist 4-H members in entering exhibits.

In the Ag Society Hall, exhibits are grouped into the following areas designated by signage:

- **Clover Kids**
- **General Areas** (includes Quilt Quest, Shooting Sports, and animal static exhibits)
- **Photography**
- **Home Design & Restoration** (includes Visual Arts, Heritage, and Human Development)
- **Clothing**
- **Food & Nutrition**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering & Math** (includes Safety, Bicycles, and FFA)
- **Outdoor Adventures**
- **Horticulture** (includes Agronomy, Conservation & Wildlife, and Forestry)

A registration table is set up for each of the project areas — please take project(s) to the appropriate area(s).

All entry tags, additional supporting information, recipe cards, data tags, etc. MUST be attached at this time.

Entry Tags

Mark the exhibitor's name, county and age on EACH static exhibit in case entry tags are separated from the project.

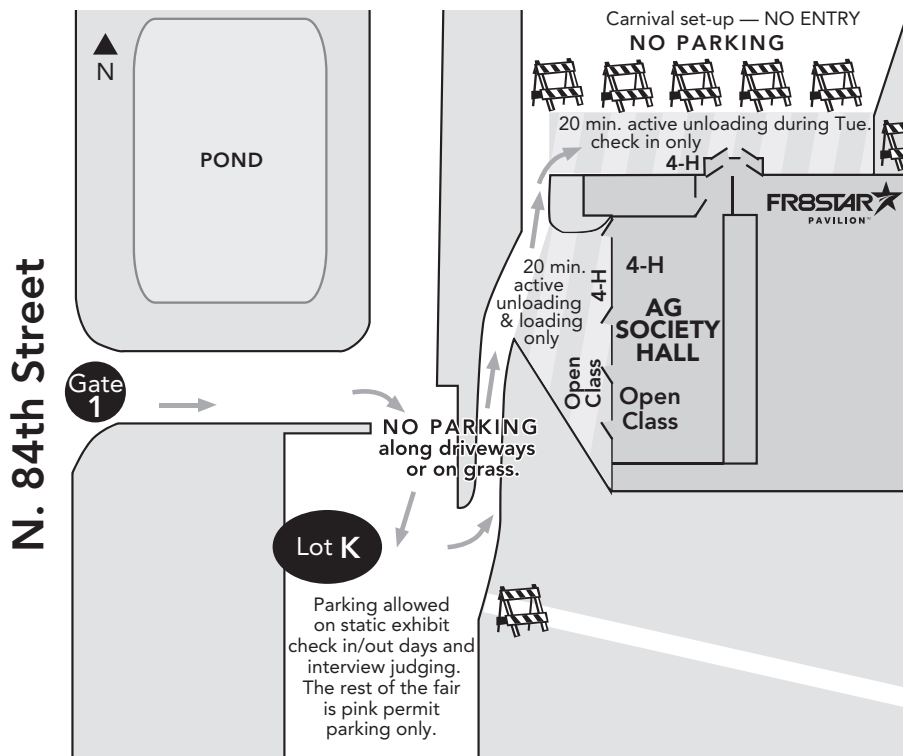
EACH static exhibit must have a 4-H **Static Exhibit Entry Tag** attached. All entry tags must be completely filled out or the exhibit will not be accepted or judged. Check on the entry tag if it is to be interview judged and/or in the Fashion Show.

Some classes require additional information — see Fair Book for detailed entry requirements for each class. Specific tags are required to be completed and attached to the following exhibits:

- **Home Design & Restoration Supporting Information Tag** for each Home Design & Restoration exhibit. Information on this tag may be provided on a half sheet of paper. Note: "Quilt Designs Other Than Fabric" exhibits also use this tag.
- **Visual Arts Supporting Information Tag** for each Visual Arts exhibit. Information on this tag may be provided on a full or half sheet of paper.
- **Food Preservation Card** for each Food Preservation item.
- **Photography Data Tag** for each Photography exhibit.
- **Clothing Design Data Tag** for some Upcycled and Beyond the Needle classes.
- **Fiber Arts Knitting and Crochet Data Cards** for Knitting and Crochet Level 2 & 3 classes.

It is highly encouraged to pick up tags/cards at the Extension office or download at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#static> and fill them out beforehand; however, tags/cards will be available during check-in. (Exception: Static Exhibit Entry Tag is not available online because it is a carbon-copy triplicate.)


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- **Photography** — Level 1, 2 and 3
- **Heritage** — Explore Your Heritage and Family Keepsakes
- **Home Design & Restoration** — Design My Place, Heirloom Treasures/Family Keepsakes, and Design Decisions
- **Visual Arts** — Mediums and Themes
- **Human Development** — I Have What it Takes to be Your Teen Babysitter, Growing Together
- **Clothing** — STEAM Clothing 1, 2 and 3; Beyond the Needle, Fiber Arts/Knitting & Crocheting, Shopping In Style, and all other clothing classes
- **Food & Nutrition** — Cooking 101, Cooking 201, Cooking 301, Cooking 401, Food Preservation, and all other food classes
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)** — STEM Computers, STEM Geospatial (GPS), STEM Electricity, STEM Robotics, STEM Energy, Model Vehicles, STEM Aerospace (Rockets/Drones), Power Mechanics, STEM Wood Science, Small Engines, and STEM Welding

- **Safety** — Citizen Safety, Fire Safety and Bicycles
- **Outdoor Adventures** — Level 1, 2 and 3
- **Horticulture** (4-H members are asked to register for Horticulture at Static Exhibit check-in time and will be assigned a specific time.)

RESOURCES: VIDEOS



Five YouTube video examples, "4-H Static Exhibit Interview Judging: Food & Nutrition Example," "4-H Static Exhibit Interview Judging: Photography Example," "4-H Static Exhibit Interview Judging: Aerospace Example," "4-H Static Exhibit Interview Judging: Clothing Example" and "4-H Static Exhibit Interview Judging: Home Environment Example" are online at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#static>

Static Exhibit Ag Society Hall Parking

4-H and Open Class static exhibitor parking is allowed on static exhibit check-in/out and interview judging days only in Lot K at the Gate 1 entrance off 84th Street. For those that need to get closer to the doors of the Ag Society Hall, there is temporary 20 minute active unloading/loading by the north and west doors of the Ag Society Hall. After you have loaded or unloaded, please immediately move your vehicle back to Lot K while you finish your activities, so others can get close to the building as needed. 4-H exhibitors — please use the north and west doors indicated on map.

Interview Judging, Wednesday, July 31

Interview Judging is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to talk to judges about their fair static exhibits and share what was easy, what was challenging and the lessons they learned. 4-H'ers also learn what the judge looks for and how to improve skills. Interview Judging is **Wednesday, July 31 beginning at 9 a.m.** in the Ag Society Hall (enter the north glass doors). Parents/grandparents/guardians are not allowed in the judging areas.

Members, parents or leaders may **call the Extension office to sign up for a 5-minute time slot July 5–26.** If slots are still available, you may sign up in person at Static Exhibit Check-in on Tuesday, July 30, 4–8 p.m.

4-H'ers may interview judge **1** exhibit from each project area (for example: 1 item from Visual Arts – Themes, 1 item from Design Decisions and 1 item from Cooking 101); except Clothing Level 1 may interview judge 1 entry per project category and Clothing Levels 2 & 3 may interview unlimited number.

- **General Areas** — Communications, Posters, Entomology, Quilt Quest, Consumer Management, Entrepreneurship, and all other general classes

Static Exhibits Open to the Public Thursday, Aug. 1 at 10 a.m.

Static exhibits are judged on Wednesday, July 31 from 8 a.m. until finished — and are not open to the public during judging. Static exhibits are open to the public in the Ag Society Hall Thursday, Aug. 1–Sunday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m.–9 p.m. — except Sunday closes at 8 p.m.

Static Exhibit Release Time Monday, Aug. 5, 7–11 a.m.

All 4-H & FFA static exhibits will be released on Monday, Aug. 5, 7–11 a.m. in the Ag Society Hall. Please pick up project(s) at each of the area(s) you have exhibits. During this time, 4-H/FFA members or their representatives may pick up premium payouts — a signature will be required. Premium payouts for static exhibits will be paid in cash. 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.

NEW IN 2024:
New DNA envelopes for 2024!
Old envelopes
NO LONGER VALID.
Pick up new DNA envelopes at
the Extension office.

**New in 2024, 4-H's
ages 8 & up**
(by January 1 of the current year)
**may exhibit livestock at
State Fair!**



2024 Lancaster County 4-H/FFA Livestock Checklist

DEADLINES & EVENTS

- March 4, 6-7 p.m.** — Market beef weigh-in at Sandhills Global Event Center – EquineMarket Pavilion, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln.
- May 6, 6-7 p.m.** — Sheep and goat weigh-in & tag day at Sandhills Global Event Center – Currency Pavilion, 84th & Havelock.
- May 23 & June 6, 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 and rabbits 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>). **NEW** DNA envelopes due to Extension office for State Fair.
- June 18-July 1** — Animal entries and stall/pen reservations for the Lancaster County Super Fair must be submitted online at <https://go.unl.edu/lcani> between June 18 and July 1, 11:59 p.m. No late entries accepted.
- August 8 by 8 p.m.** — State Fair animal entries due online at <https://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 Extension Drop Off Box after hours. The Drop Off 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 <https://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 2024 DNA ENVELOPES REQUIRED. Discard old envelopes. 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 NEW DNA envelopes from the Extension office. 4-H drop box will be used to distribute tags and NEW DNA envelopes after hours. To request tags or NEW DNA envelopes, contact the Lancaster County Extension office at 402-441-7180. Submit completed NEW DNA envelopes to Extension office during open hours, or after hours, place in the Extension Drop Off 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 a NEW 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 NEW 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 <https://eradicatescrapie.org>.
- NEW 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-livestock-id>. \$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 **NEW 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 <https://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)

Youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H Online 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 an in-person training held Thursday, May 23 or Thursday, June 6, 6–7 p.m. at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Suite A, Lincoln. To sign up for in-person 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.

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., Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528.

If you have further questions, contact the Extension office at 402-441-7180 or lancaster4h@unl.edu.

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. 26–29, 2024 in Grand Island. 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 NEW DNA envelopes from Aksarben and provide down payment. For more information about the Aksarben Stock Show, go to <https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com> or contact the show office at info@showaksarben.com or 308-382-1620.

SUPER FAIR

General rules for animals at the Lancaster County Super Fair are listed in the Fair Book, page 48–49. Animal-specific rules are listed by breeds in the Fair Book, pages 51–70. Following are more rules and/or information.

Cow-calf pairs

- Cows must be a past 4-H project.
- Must be tattooed and identified on “Breeding ID Certificate” by June 15.
- Calves shown only as a cow-calf pair need to be placed on the same card as the cow.

Horse

- Horse exhibitors **MUST BE ACTIVELY ENROLLED IN THE 4-H HORSE PROJECT.**
- Each horse shown at county fair and state horse shows must be identified on a “4-H Horse Identification Certificate.” Sketch markings showing both sides and face on the form are preferred instead of photos. Horse ID form is available at the Extension office as a carbon copy form. If you use the online form, make a copy for yourself before sending it to the Extension office. Deadline is June 1 for the Super Fair and State Expo.
- Horse exhibitors must pass Horsemanship Advancement Levels for many classes at county fair and state horse shows. For Super Fair level requirements, see Fair Book class descriptions. Deadline is June 1 for the State Expo, and July 1 for the Super Fair. For more information about group testings, see the 4-H enews, NEBLINE, or contact Kate Pulec at kpulec3@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.
- Horse ID certificates and Horsemanship Level requirements are due to the Extension office or lancaster4H@unl.edu or kpulec3@unl.edu.
- For the Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, youth must be ages 8–18 (by Jan. 1 of the current year). For more information and link for online entries, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>. Entry deadline is June 1 by 5 p.m.
- For the Super Fair, health certificates are not required, but if a horse exhibits symptoms, exhibitor will be asked to remove horse from the fairgrounds.
- For the State Expo, horses must follow all health requirements (including 14-day health certificate and proof of a negative Coggins test).

Rabbits

- ALL rabbit exhibitors must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training.
- Rabbits being shown at the Lancaster County Super Fair must be identified on the “Nebraska 4-H Rabbit Ownership Affidavit” form by June 15. Nebraska State Fair does not require a separate ID form, however, tattoo numbers must be listed during the online entry process.
- Rabbits must have permanent, legible I.D. (tattoo) in left ear before coming to the Lancaster County Super Fair. **No tattooing allowed on fairgrounds.** The tattoo must be entered during the animal online entry process (due by July 1) and on the completed comment card that is handed in at fair check-in. The tattoo will be verified with online entries and completed comment card at the time of fair check-in.

Poultry

- Poultry do not require an identification form.
- Poultry exhibitors must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training.
- Any bird with visible signs of disease or parasitism will be removed from the exhibition area and rendered ineligible to show.

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Super Fair animal entries must be submitted online

All 4-H/FFA animal entries for the Lancaster County Super Fair must be entered online in ShoWorks at <https://go.unl.edu/lcani> (this includes stall/pen requests and livestock/poultry exhibitor T-shirt sizes). 4-H families and youth may submit entries. Youth must be enrolled at 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com> by June 15.

Animal entries **may be submitted online starting on Tuesday, June 18. Deadline is Monday, July 1, 11:59 p.m.** No late entries will be accepted! Step-by-step instruction guides with pictures is at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#animal>. If you have questions about the process, call 402-441-7180 or email lancaster4H@unl.edu.

See handout “Online animal entry instructions for 4-H/FFA Lancaster County Super Fair” at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#animal>. If you have questions about the process, email lancaster4H@unl.edu or call 402-441-7180.

STALL/PEN RESERVATIONS: For beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy & pygmy goats and horse entries, you must submit stall/pen requests during the online entry process or you will be assigned stalls/pens (requests are subject to space and availability). During online entry, look for ‘_Stalls and Pens_’ as the first option under division (species). Please submit 1 ‘_Stalls and Pens_’ item per animal species. Rabbits, poultry and cats are assigned cages based on entry numbers.

LIVESTOCK/POULTRY EXHIBITOR T-SHIRT SIZES: Livestock and poultry exhibitors will each receive a free T-shirt at Super Fair courtesy of sponsors. During animal entry online, T-shirt sizes will be required for livestock and poultry exhibitors prior to check out. T-shirts will be available for pickup during the Lancaster County Super Fair at the livestock office.

BEDDING FEE: Exhibitors who enter the following species will be charged a bedding fee:

- Beef and dairy cattle — \$12 per head.
- Bucket calves — \$9 per head.

Fill out the form at <https://go.unl.edu/lcfwlivestock>. Print and submit with payment (cash or check) to the Extension office by Monday, July 8.

HORSE ROPING/WORKING RANCH SHOW LIVESTOCK FEE: Several Roping/Working Ranch classes require a livestock fee of \$15 per class. The Horse Roping/Working Ranch Show Livestock Fee Worksheet is available at <https://go.unl.edu/lcfwhorse>. Submit with payment (cash or check) to the Extension office by Monday, July 8.

TIPS:

- For rabbits, notice there are 4 rabbit divisions. If you can't find the class you are looking for, try the other rabbit divisions. If you plan to enter 15 rabbits, you will need to submit 15 entries.
- For horses, notice there are 4 horse divisions. If you can't find the class you are looking for, try the other horse divisions. If you plan to enter 12 horse classes, you will need to submit 12 entries plus 1 for stalls and pens.

Note: Do not use feedback through ShoWorks for comments or questions about entries — feedback is not seen by Extension staff until AFTER the Super Fair.

LANCASTER COUNTY 4-H/FFA PURPLE RIBBON LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION

Sale committee: Julia Plugge, Scott Heinrich, Ben Walbrecht, Tom Mueller and Mike Lockee

Ag Society Board Members: John Cooper, Ron Dowding and Kendra Ronnau

**Auction: Saturday, Aug. 3, 6 p.m.
(Currency Pavilion – Arena, West Side)**

4-H/FFA Market entries in Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat and Swine are eligible for the auction. Exhibitors will sell the premium only. Ownership does not change hands as the exhibitor will retain ownership of the animal for future shows, i.e. State Fair. Exhibitors will sell one unit in the auction. A unit is described as:

- 1 Market Beef (steer or heifer)
- 1 Sheep or Pen of Three
- 1 Meat Goat
- 1 Swine or Pen of Three

In the event of an exhibitor having one or more qualifying exhibit, the exhibitor can elect to combine the units into one sellable lot/unit. Example (champion swine and champion sheep).

Auction is dependent on donations and buyers; help is needed to secure funding. For more information, email Auction Committee Chair Julia Plugge at Julia.Plugge@gmail.com or 402-450-0706.

Eligible units are defined as follows:

Beef:

- Champion Market Steer
- Reserve Champion Market Steer
- Champion Market Heifer
- Reserve Champion Market Heifer
- Champion Market Animal
- Reserve Champion Market Animal
- Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
- Reserve Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
- Champion Second-Year Bucket Calf*
- Reserve Champion Second-Year Bucket Calf*
- Purple ribbon placings are eligible to sell beyond the champions.
**(stated as a market animal in record book)*

Sheep:

- Champion Market Sheep
- Reserve Champion Market Sheep
- Champion Division
- Reserve Champion Division
- Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
- Reserve Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
- Purple ribbon placings are eligible to sell beyond the champions.

Swine:

- Champion Market Swine
- Reserve Champion Market Swine
- Champion Heavy Weight Division
- Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Division
- Champion Middle Weight Division
- Reserve Champion Middle Weight Division
- Champion Light Weight Division
- Reserve Champion Light Weight Division
- Champion Pen of Three
- Reserve Champion Pen of Three
- Purple ribbon placings are eligible to sell beyond the champions.
- Only Pick A Pig champion and reserve are eligible for the auction. Pick A Pig participants can elect to show in the regular show and receive a purple to be eligible for the auction.

Meat Goat:

- Champion Meat Goat
- Reserve Champion Meat Goat
- Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
- Reserve Champion Lancaster Co. Born and Raised
- Purple ribbon placings are eligible to sell beyond the champions.

Auction order is as follows for 2024: Meat Goat, Beef, Sheep, Swine. Future auctions will be in rotation of this order — 2025: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat; 2026: Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, Beef. The grand and reserve overall champions (beef, sheep, swine and meat goat) will sell first. Each species will sell all the remaining units in that species after the 6 champions are sold.

Grand Champion and Reserve Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat; as well as Champion Second-Year Bucket Calf Exhibitors will be invited to display their animal in the "purple row" near the auction arena 30 minutes prior to the auction. Auction supporters, including potential buyers, will be invited to visit with the 4-H/FFA youth and their projects.

*To receive auction premiums, youth must submit a thank you to the premium sponsor of their project. Instructions will be mailed to premium auction participants at the conclusion of the current year's fair.

Dogs

- Dogs do not require an identification form.
- Exhibitor may submit proof of immunizations (rabies, DHL and Parvo) to the Extension office prior to fair OR bring day of the show. Dogs will NOT be eligible to compete if proof is not provided.

Cats

- Cats do not require an identification form.
- See Fair Book for health requirements.
- Cats will have a health and immunization record check at the Lancaster County Super Fair. If a cat does not pass, it will be disqualified. All decisions at check-in are final.

Household pets

- Household pets do not require an identification form.
- All ferrets must have a copy of proof of rabies vaccination.

BAGGED SHAVINGS

All exhibitors must use shavings provided by the Sandhills Global Event Center (SGEC). Absolutely no outside shavings or straw is allowed since SGEC composts. Note: all stalls are disinfected with Nixall between each rental year-round.

Special discounted 4-H/FFA price of \$9 per bag (with sales tax included) will be honored for 4-H/FFA animal shows from Tuesday, July 30 through Saturday, Aug. 3 with self-pickup at the General Store in EquineMarket Pavilion.

4-H/FFA exhibitors may pay and pick up their shavings at the General Store on east end of EquineMarket Pavilion during these hours:

- Tuesday, July 30, 4–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 31, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 1, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 2, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 3, 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

If you need shavings outside of these hours, please call SGEC office at 402-441-6545 or stop by (it is in front of Ag Society Hall on northwest corner of facility) daily 8 a.m.–10 p.m. with any form of valid payment accepted.

PREORDER SHAVINGS! Save time and prepay for shavings online to pick up at the General Store in EquineMarket Pavilion. On arrival, just check in quickly with cashier to sign for your shavings. Preorder no later than Thursday, July 25 at <https://bit.ly/3Kahqrr>.

STATE FAIR

The Nebraska State Fair will be held Aug. 23–Sept. 2 at the State Fair Grounds (Fonner Park) in Grand Island.

4-H & FFA livestock, rabbit and dog exhibitors ages 8–18 are eligible to participate at the Nebraska State Fair regardless of county placing. **New in 2024: Nebraska 4-H has lowered the age eligibility requirements for State Fair for all in-person events (including livestock) to be 8 years of age** (by Jan. 1 of the current year). Animal entries are due online at <https://nebr.fairwire.com> and Youth Dairy Cattle entries are due online via the Nebraska State Fair Open Class entry site. Select whether showing in 4-H or FFA. Deadline is Aug. 10 by 8 p.m.

For more information about entering 4-H & FFA exhibits in the Nebraska State Fair, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>.