



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.